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CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

Physicians call for more urgency

But state officials say Connecticut doesn't need new mandates

By Alex Putterman
Hartford Courant

As hospitals crowd with COVID-19 patients and the omicron variant begins to spread in the state, some prominent Connecticut physicians are appealing to state leaders to treat the situation with greater urgency.

To some of these doctors, that means a mask mandate or other pandemic-related restrictions, in addition to a continued push for wider vaccination. To others, it means more modest measures — such as a return of regular COVID-19 press briefings — that would help convey the growing urgency of Connecticut's viral outbreak.

"I would love to see the governor and other public health officials getting out there and talking to frontline physicians and potentially visiting the hospitals and seeing what the situation is on the frontlines," said Dr. Luke Davis, an associate professor of epidemiology at the Yale School of Public Health.

Gov. Ned Lamont has been resolute that he won't impose a statewide mask mandate or any other pandemic-related restrictions, even as Rhode Island and New York have done so,

"Right now, there's no need to do that," the governor said last week. "We have capacity in our hospitals, and people are doing the right thing."

Dr. Naftali Kaminski, chief of pulmonary, critical care and sleep medicine at the Yale School of Medicine, said he doesn't think state officials are currently taking the COVID-19 crisis seriously enough. He noted that Lamont has been seen in recent weeks going mask-free indoors, including at a large restaurant industry gathering.

"State leadership may consider actually visiting hospitals and emergency rooms," Kaminski said. "And also they should consider projecting safe behaviors. For many of us, seeing the photo in front of 1,000 people without a mask was an insult."

Max Reiss, a spokesperson for Lamont, said the governor wears

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BIG EAST BASKETBALL RETURNS

Packed house for Huskies

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The fans return to downtown Hartford on Saturday evening as UConn and Providence tip off at the sold-out XL Center for their Big East men's basketball opener. Downtown bars and restaurants also got a much-needed boost from the influx of fans. Providence won the game 57-53.
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Diluting power of Black Dems

Republicans draw congressional lines, costing Democrats

By Nick Corasaniti and Reid J. Epstein
The New York Times

More than 30 years ago, Robert Reives Sr. marched into a meeting of his county government in Sanford, North Carolina, with a demand: Create a predominantly Black district in the county, which was 23% Black at the time but had no Black representation, or face a lawsuit under the Voting Rights Act.

The county commission refused, and Reives prepared to sue. But after the county settled and redrew its districts, he was elected in 1990 as Lee County's first Black commissioner, a post he has held comfortably ever since.

Until this year.

Republicans, newly in power and in control of the redrawing of county maps, extended the district to the northeast, adding more rural and suburban white voters to the mostly rural district southwest of Raleigh, effectively diluting the influence of its Black voters. Reives, who is still the county's only Black commissioner, fears he will now lose his seat.

"They all have the same objective," he said in an interview, referring to local Republican officials. "To get me out of the seat."

Reives is one of a growing number of Black elected officials — ranging from members of Congress to county commissioners — who have been drawn out of their districts, placed in newly competitive districts or bundled into new districts where they must vie against incumbents from their own party.

Almost all of the affected lawmakers are Democrats, and most of the mapmakers are white Republicans. The GOP is currently seeking to widen its advantage in states including North Carolina, Ohio, Georgia

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Friction grows over virus policies

GOP pushing against electronic vaccine cards, other measures

By Daniela Altimari
Hartford Courant

When the coronavirus first struck Connecticut in March of 2020, partisan hostilities were largely set aside as politicians from both parties united behind Democratic Gov. Ned Lamont to face a common foe.

J.R. Romano, the then-leader of the Connecticut Republican Party and a frequent Lamont critic, even praised the governor for "not politicizing the crisis."

But now, as the pandemic approaches its third year and the state experiences a worrisome spike in cases, with the omicron variant on the horizon, Lamont is facing increasingly strong resistance.

Republicans are pushing back on his administration's COVID-19 rules, from vaccination requirements to school protocols, hoping to win over virus-weary voters in advance of the 2022 election, when Lamont will be on the ballot seeking a second term.

With winter approaching and COVID-19 cases quickly rising, Lamont has opposed calls from physicians for a mandatory mask

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Gov. Ned Lamont is facing increasingly strong pushback from Connecticut Republicans on a host of pandemic-related policies.
JESSICA HILL/AP

Electric Boat faces a new challenge in making subs

Competition for welders an issue as federal funds move for infrastructure

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

Electric Boat, which navigates a demanding submarine construction schedule for the U.S. Navy, faces new competition for critically needed workers when hundreds of billions of dollars flow from Washington for public works construction and repairs.

The sub builder is now looking to one possible pipeline for new hires that has long been overlooked in the male-dominated construction industry: women.

Electric Boat, a subsidiary of General Dynamics Corp., is looking to hire more women, who now comprise 14% of the 17,800 workers. In the last year, Electric Boat increased the number of employees with a diverse background by about 11%.

"The whole purpose is to demon-

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Carjacking suspect arrested in New Britain

Police in New Britain arrested a highly sought fugitive wanted by the FBI and other police agencies after a series of armed robberies, carjackings and assaults. Christian Velez, 24, is suspected in more than 20 crimes. He was driven to state police Troop H in Hartford, where his bond was set at $2.5 million. **Sunday CT, Page 1**

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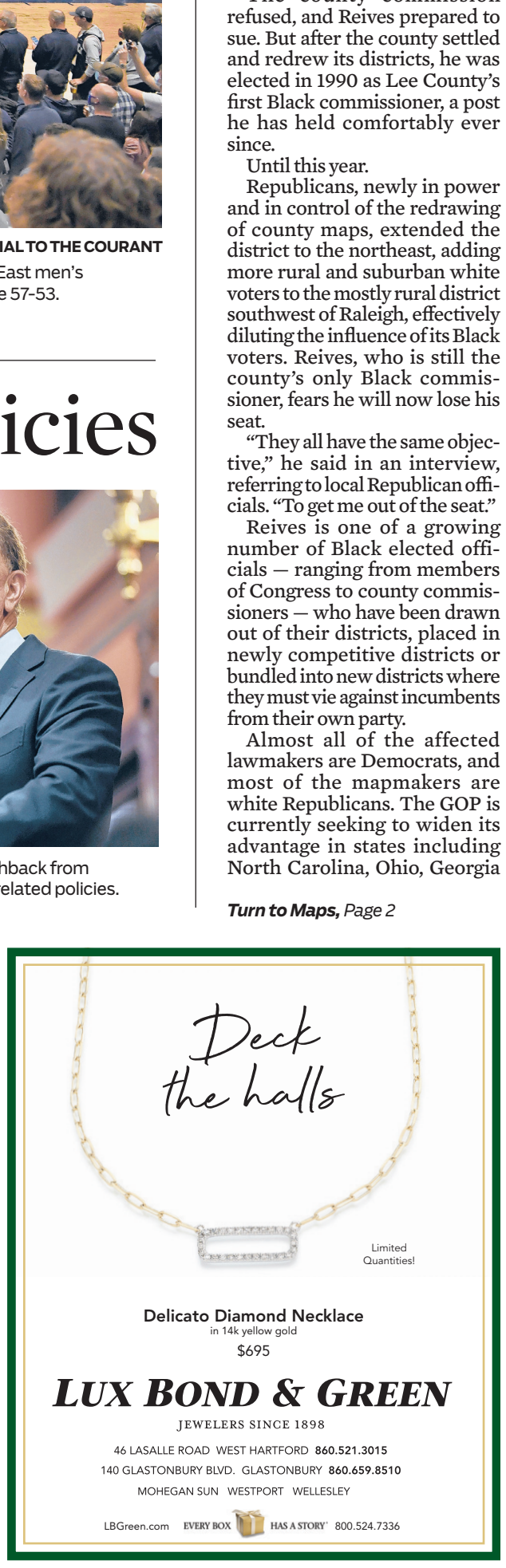

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strate that work historically dominated by males is absolutely a viable career path for women," Electric Boat President Kevin Graney said.

This year recruiters have participated in 119 job fairs, virtual and in person, and Electric Boat is expanding its reach to areas far beyond Groton.

Welders are among the most critical jobs that Electric Boat must fill as it builds submarines that cost as much as $3 billion each. They also will be in demand on state and local bridge and other construction projects as money is released in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act signed into law in November by President Joe Biden.

"It exacerbates a tough situation already," Graney said in a recent interview. "Demand for skilled labor will increase significantly as we try to grow. It's a challenge."

Still, he said employee training and recruitment programs "are doing a good job getting welder candidates." The median pay for welders in 2020 was $21.25 an hour, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Workers are building 58 Virginia class submarines through 2034, and the next-generation Columbia class, which will replace the aging Ohio class, is the nation's top strategic defense priority. The work requires numerous skilled workers, including electricians, pipe fitters, welders and others.

Workers at Electric Boat in Groton are building 58 Virginia class submarines through 2034. Welders are among the most critical jobs the company must fill as it builds submarines that cost as much as $3 billion each. **BOB CHILD/AP**

The recently passed defense authorization spending bill includes $20 million for worker training funding. It's the second year in a row training money is coming from the Defense Department, said Rep. Joe Courtney, who chairs a House Armed Services subcommittee and whose congressional district includes Electric Boat's Groton shipyard. Training support had previously been funded by the U.S. Labor Department and the state.

"That's kind of new territory for the Department of Defense, to get into job training," he said. "But I think the need for it is blindingly obvious."

The size of the infrastructure spending bill — about $1.2 trillion with an estimated $550 billion in spending above baseline levels — guarantees that different sectors of the U.S. economy will be in competition, according to the Brookings Institution. It will promote greater demand for materials such as steel, cement, lumber and other products, "in some cases creating greater competition between government, businesses and households for the same goods," it said.

Sen. Richard Blumenthal, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said competition for welders and possibly other submarine workers was not a surprise outcome of the infrastructure legislation he and other congressional Democrats enthusiastically supported.

"Nobody needed to be a Nobel-winning economist to see the pressures that would be exacted in creating new jobs," he said. "It's a good thing, but there's also the need for skills training. This was kind of elemental."

John Beauregard, special adviser to the president of the Eastern Connecticut Workforce Investment Board, said the pace of training has accelerated more than in 2019 before the pandemic, with more training classes scheduled. But fewer students are participating, down to 10 to 12 from about 15 two years ago, he said.

The schedule of classes will handle volumes of students "that rivals 2019," Beauregard said.

"We're not there yet," he said. "We're going on such a pace, churning out the same levels of graduates. We're turning them out in different ways."

Jamison Scott, a Woodbridge manufacturer and executive director of ManufactureCT, an advocacy group, said finding welders is "impossible." Training lapsed during the pandemic, and the skills are not taught in high schools, he said.

In addition, family-owned manufacturers can't easily compete with large employers for welders, Scott said.

"Those of us who need welders — they're not there right now," he said.

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and Texas, and because partisan gerrymandering has long been difficult to disentangle from racial gerrymandering, proving the motive can be troublesome.

But the effect remains the same: less political power for communities of color.

The pattern has grown more pronounced during this year's redistricting cycle, the first since the Supreme Court struck down the heart of the Voting Rights Act in 2013 and allowed jurisdictions with a history of voting discrimination to pass election laws and draw political maps without approval from the Justice Department.

"Let's call it a five-alarm fire," G.K. Butterfield, a Black congressman from North Carolina, said of the current round of congressional redistricting.

He is retiring next year after Republicans removed Pitt County, which is about 35% Black, from his district.

"I just didn't see it coming," he said. "I did not believe that they would go to that extreme."

A former chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, Butterfield said fellow Black members of Congress were increasingly worried about the new Republican-drawn maps.

"We are all rattled," he said.

In addition to Butterfield, four Black state senators in North Carolina, five Black members of the state House of Representatives and several Black county officials have had their districts altered in ways that could cost them their seats. Nearly 24 hours after the maps were passed, civil rights groups sued the state.

Across the country, the precise number of elected officials of color who have had their districts changed in such ways is difficult to pinpoint. The New York Times identified more than two dozen of these officials, but there are probably significantly more in county and municipal districts. And whose seats are vulnerable or safe depends on a variety of factors, including the political environment at the time of elections.

But the number of Black legislators being drawn out of their districts outpaces that of recent redistricting cycles, when voting rights groups frequently found themselves in court trying to preserve existing majority-minority districts as often as they sought to create new ones.

"Without a doubt it's worse than it was in any recent decade," said Leah Aden, a deputy director of litigation at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund Inc.

Republicans, who have vastly more control over redistricting nationally than Democrats do, defend their maps as legal and fair, giving a range of reasons.

Kirk Smith, the Republican chairman of Lee County's board of commissioners, said that "to say only a person of a certain racial or ethnic group can represent only a person of the same racial or ethnic group has all the trappings of ethnocentric racism."

In North Carolina and elsewhere, Republicans say that their new maps are race-blind, meaning officials used no racial data in designing the maps and therefore could not have drawn racially discriminatory districts because they had no idea where communities of color were.

"During the 2011 redistricting process, legislators considered race when drawing districts," Ralph Hise, a Republican state senator in North Carolina, said in a statement.

Given that certain demographic groups have aligned tightly with political parties — 90% of Black voters in Georgia voted Democratic in 2020, for example — officials drawing gerrymandered maps could simply argue that politics were at play, not race.

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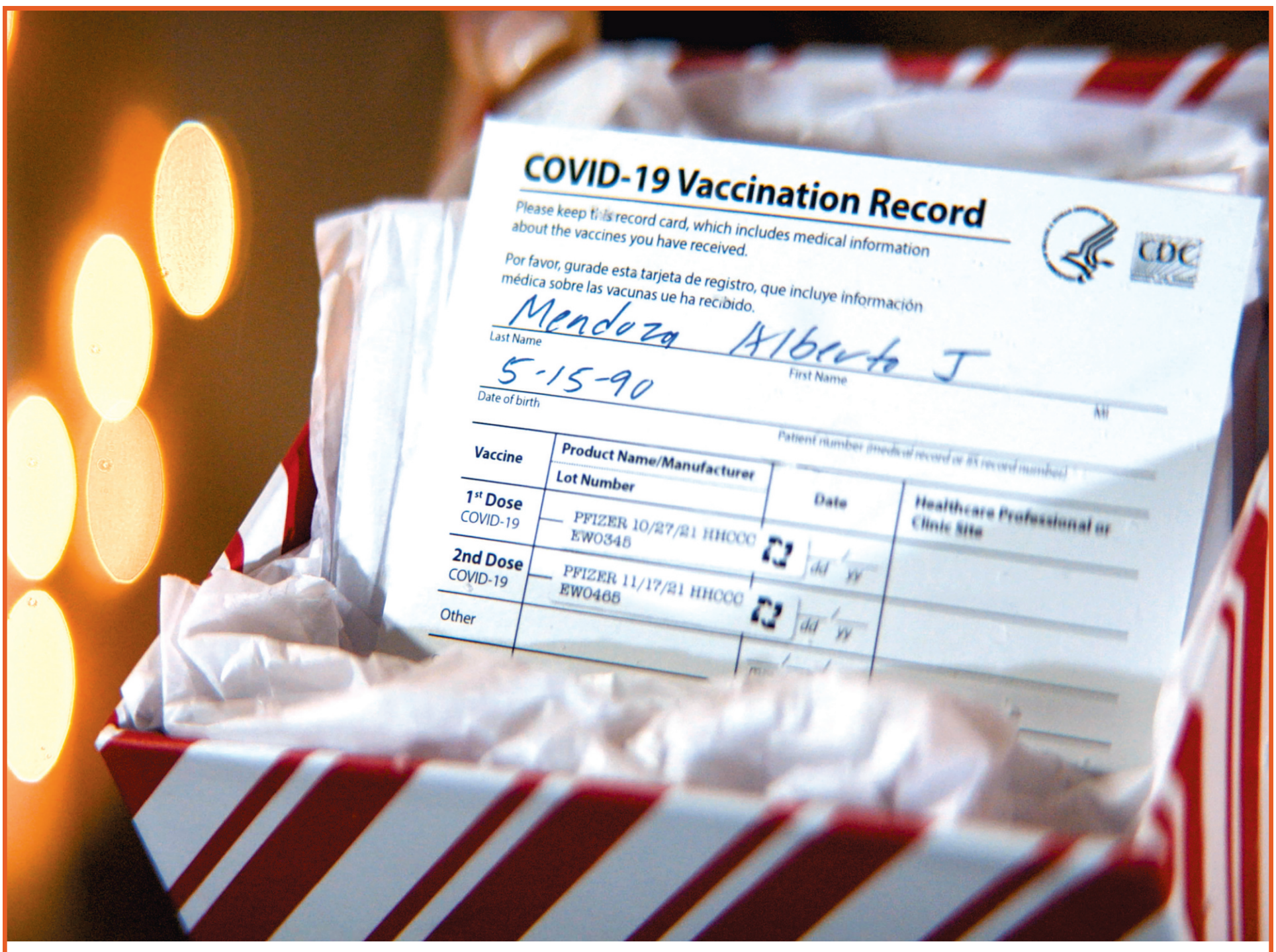

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Wheels turn slowly as doctors peddle falsities

Medical boards struggle to police outliers, scammers

By Heather Hollingsworth
Associated Press

Sherri Tenpenny had her medical license renewed after testifying in Ohio that vaccines cause magnetism. **THE OHIO CHANNEL**

They have decried COVID-19 as a hoax, promoted unproven treatments and pushed bogus claims about the vaccine, including that the shots magnetize the human body.

The purveyors of this misinformation are not shadowy figures operating in the dark corners of the internet. They are a small but vocal group of doctors practicing medicine in communities around the country.

Now medical boards are under increasing pressure to act. Organizations that advocate for public health have called on them to take a harder line by disciplining the doctors, including potentially revoking their licenses. The push comes as the pandemic enters a second winter and deaths in the U.S. top 800,000.

At least a dozen regulatory boards in states such as Oregon, Rhode Island, Maine and Texas recently issued sanctions against some doctors, but many of the most prolific promoters of COVID-19 falsehoods still have unblemished medical licenses.

"Just because it is physicians, it is no different than if someone called you claiming to be the IRS trying to steal your money," said Brian Castrucci, president and chief executive officer of the de Beaumont Foundation. "It's a scam, and we protect Americans from scams."

Castrucci's organization, which advocates for public health, and No License For Disinformation, which fights false medical information, issued a report Wednesday that highlighted some of the cases. The report emerged a week after the Federation of State Medical Boards released a survey that found that 67% of the boards had seen an increase in complaints about COVID-19 misinformation.

That figure "is a sign of how widespread the issue has become," said Dr. Humayun Chaudhry, president and CEO of the federation.

Dr. Kencee Graves, a physician at the University of Utah hospital in Salt Lake City, said one of her patients decided not to get vaccinated after listening to misinformation from a physician.

"She was led astray" by someone she should have been able to trust, Graves said, describing the patient as a "very, very sweet older lady."

The woman later acknowledged her mistake, saying "I realize now I am wrong, but that is who I thought I should listen to."

There is widespread support for cracking down on such doctors, according to a national poll conducted by the de Beaumont Foundation. In the survey of 2,200 adults, 91% of respondents said doctors do not have the right to intentionally spread false information.

But policing doctors is no easy feat for boards that were created long before social media. Their investigations tend to move slowly, taking months or even years, and many of their proceedings are private.

Castrucci said it is time for them to "evolve," but doing so is challenging. This month, Tennessee's medical licensing board removed from its website a recently adopted misinformation policy amid pressure from a GOP state lawmaker and a new law imposing sprawling virus-related restrictions.

Even individual board members have been targeted. In California, the president of the state's medical board, Kristina Lawson, said a group of anti-vaccine activists stalked her at home and followed her to her office last week. She said the people identified themselves as representing America's Frontline Doctors, a group that criticizes the COVID-19 vaccine and spreads misinformation.

In Idaho, the state's medical association got so frustrated with pathologist Dr. Ryan Cole's promotion of the anti-parasite drug ivermectin that it filed a complaint with the state medical board. Susie Keller, the association's chief executive director, said she believed it was the first time the group sought action against one of its own. Many doctors, she explained, are fed up.

The spreading falsehoods have "actually caused our physicians and nurses to be subjected to verbal assaults" by patients who are convinced that the fake information is true, Keller said.

Cole did not respond to a request for comment from Associated Press, but his work voicemail said that he is "unable to prescribe medications or issue vaccine or mask exemption letters." The voicemail also directed callers to the website of the Front Line COVID-19 Critical Care Alliance, a group that champions ivermectin.

Under Idaho law, all investigations of physicians are conducted in private unless there is a formal hearing. The Washington state medical board, meanwhile, is investigating five complaints about Cole, spokeswoman Stephanie Mason said.

Investigating misinformation is "very challenging in that a lot of action isn't documented," she wrote in an email. Many examples "happen quietly in an office."

In Ohio, the state's medical board automatically renewed the license of Sherri Tenpenny in September after the Cleveland-based osteopathic doctor testified this summer before a state House Health Committee that COVID-19 vaccines cause magnetism.

Vaccine recipients "can put a key on their forehead; it sticks," Tenpenny said.

Jerica Stewart, a spokesperson for the state's medical board, said that a recent license renewal doesn't prevent the board from taking action.

"Making a false, fraudulent, deceptive or misleading statement" is grounds for discipline, Stewart said.

In Texas, Dr. Stella Immanuel appeared in a video that promoted the anti-malarial drug hydroxychloroquine. "You don't need masks. There is a cure."

In October, the Texas Medical Board ordered her to pay $500 and improve her consent procedures because it found she had prescribed hydroxychloroquine to a COVID-19 patient without adequate explanation of the potential health consequences, records show.

Immanuel did not respond to a Facebook message from the AP, and the medical practice where she works did not respond to an email.

Dr. Nick Sawyer, who heads No License For Disinformation, described the action against Immanuel as a "small slap on the wrist" and accused the nation's medical boards of "not doing their job of protecting public health."

He said he has seen the damage firsthand as he practices emergency medicine in Sacramento, California. He said a diabetic patient in her 70s insisted just this month that she didn't have COVID-19 despite testing positive, then demanded ivermectin and signed out against medical advice when the drug was denied.

"She said, 'If I have COVID, you gave it to me,' " he recalled, blaming the woman's resistance on misinformation-spreading doctors. "It is killing us."

Policies

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House Republican Leader Vin Candelora is asking for public hearings on Gov. Ned Lamont's plan for a digital COVID-19 vaccination card. **DANIELA ALTIMARI/HARTFORD COURANT**

order, unlike governors in neighboring Rhode Island and New York. He also says Connecticut will not order restaurants and businesses closed.

But he is promoting a voluntary electronic COVID-19 vaccination card. Last week, Republicans in the legislature condemned his plan for what they have branded as a "vaccine passport," saying it could expose a user's data and lead to unvaccinated people being barred from essential businesses.

Lamont's COVID-19 policies have been shrouded in secrecy and put in place by broad executive powers that have left the legislature largely out of the loop since the start of the crisis, said Ben Proto, the current chairman of the Connecticut Republican Party.

"The governor and a number of people in his party still think this is March of 2020," Proto said. "It's going to soon be 2022. When we were in the early throes of this, nobody really had a handle on it, but that's a very different place than we are in now, almost two years later."

More than 9,000 Connecticut residents have succumbed to COVID-19. Infections have jumped 150% in Connecticut over the last two weeks, according to an analysis by The New York Times. Hospitalizations, meanwhile, are at the highest level in 10 months, forcing some facilities to ration care. Among the hospitalized in Connecticut, more than 75% are not vaccinated.

Connecticut has one of the best vaccination records in the country, with 87% of all Connecticut residents and 95% of those 12 and older having received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, while 74% of all residents and 83.2% of those 12 and older are fully vaccinated, according to the CDC.

Max Reiss, a spokesman for Lamont, said Republican attacks on the electronic vaccination card constitute "fearmongering."

And Sam Norton, deputy press secretary for the Democratic Governors Association, called the GOP attacks "anti-vaccine ... anti-science ... and anti-technology, too." Norton pointed to Lamont's job-approval ratings as evidence that the public supports his approach.

The governor's approval ratings have surged since the start of the pandemic. A Sacred Heart University poll released in March showed 70.7% of voters approve of Lamont's handling of the COVID-19 crisis.

That survey put Lamont's overall approval rating at 55.9%, almost double his 28.1% rating in December 2019, when his administration was still making its push for electronic highway tolls, a proposal that was deeply unpopular with many voters and ultimately rejected by the legislature.

Yet Lamont's popularity rating has ticked down slightly in recent months. A digital poll taken in October by Sacred Heart University's Institute for Public Policy and Civic Engagement found 67.6% of voters approved of his management of the pandemic. His overall approval rating was 50.5%, down more than five percentage points from March.

"We're two years into his executive authority and it doesn't appear anything is getting better," said Bob Stefanowski, who was the Republican Party's 2018 gubernatorial nominee and is considering another run against Lamont next year. "I understand in a situation like this you need to act quickly and you can't spend weeks or months gaining consensus, but I think we've gone too far the other way. If there's anything that's hurt his approach to COVID, it's that."

The pandemic has proved to be a test for governors in red states and blue states. Lamont and other governors in the Northeast, including Republican Charlie Baker of Massachusetts, have pursued approaches such as the electronic vaccination records. Meanwhile, Republican governors in the South and Midwest have lifted restrictions and opted against rules that link a person's vaccination status to their ability to attend cultural and sporting events and patronize restaurants.

They have also embraced a message that COVID-19 vaccines are a matter of personal choice, not an essential tool in ending the pandemic.

Both Stefanowski and Proto said they personally support vaccinations but do not believe they should be mandated.

"I highly encourage people to get it and I've gotten it, but at the end of the day, it's a personal decision," Stefanowski said.

Proto said he, too, has received the vaccine and a booster shot. "I think it's one of the best defenses we have against the virus," he said. "I encourage people to do so, but I don't believe the government should tell every citizen they must get the shot. That's a decision each person has to make."

For many Republicans, the debate over COVID-19 vaccinations has become a proxy battle in a larger war over the role of government. Norton, the spokesman for the Democratic Governors Association, said the Connecticut GOP is echoing Donald Trump and other GOP leaders by politicizing a public health decision.

"Republicans in Connecticut are going down a far-right extremist path that mirrors some of the far-right extremism in the national Republican Party," Norton said. "They're not standing up to anti-vaccine, anti-science rhetoric in their own party."

State Rep. Vin Candelora, the Republican leader in the House of Representatives, said Democrats have dismissed legitimate questions about the governor's handling of the pandemic by denouncing critics as anti-science.

Candelora said he feared the digital vaccine passport would ultimately lead to unvaccinated individuals being barred from essential businesses such as pharmacies and grocery stores, despite the Lamont administration's repeated assurances that the program is not mandatory.

"It's a matter of us as a government [having] an obligation to ask these questions before something is rolled out," Candelora said. "We need more dialogue."

Reiss said the legislature is welcome to hold hearings on the electronic vaccine cards or any other program Lamont proposes. He called the GOP's focus on Lamont's pandemic-related executive orders "a red herring."

"The governor's office doesn't hold hearings; the legislature does," Reiss told reporters on Friday.

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COVID-19

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a mask "in accordance with existing law and existing rules" and had covered his face at a more recent large gathering even when he was not required to do so.

Davis and Kaminski were both part of a group of Connecticut physicians who wrote to Lamont last winter pleading for more COVID-19 restrictions as cases and hospitalizations spiked. A year later, with hospitals packed once again, they say they are experiencing a sort of déjà vu.

"Last week I got several emails [from colleagues] saying, 'OK, you need to start campaigning again for something,' " Kaminski said. "There is a real concern that we're hitting the holidays with a health care worker force that's already burned out."

But one member of that group of doctors — in fact, the one whose opinion now counts most — says new restrictions are not currently necessary. A year ago, Dr. Manisha Juthani was an infectious disease specialist at the Yale School of Medicine and outspoken in her position that Connecticut needed stricter pandemic control measures.

Today, as Connecticut's public health commissioner, she says residents should make their own decisions around masking and social distancing.

"At the end of the day, people in Connecticut need to know that this is their personal responsibility to do this," she said.

In an interview Friday, Juthani said her personal advice to Connecticut residents is unequivocal: Wear masks in crowded indoor spaces. Still, she said she doesn't think the state should join neighboring states in requiring residents to wear masks in certain settings and should continue to leave masking decisions to towns.

"We need to have rules that people are going to follow," Juthani said. "Ultimately we want to do things that people are going to do and that are going to work."

Since the start of November, Connecticut has seen a steep increase in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, leading at least one hospital to add auxiliary intensive care beds. Though the state's numbers are lower than they were a year ago, likely due to high rates of vaccination, they are higher than at any other point over the past 10 months.

"The ICUs are full, and the hospitals are full," said Dr. Jonathan Siner, who works with Kaminski at Yale. "Most hospitals in the state have people waiting because there aren't beds available."

Meanwhile, the omicron variant has begun to spread nationwide, leading to predictions of a dire outbreak ahead.

Last week, Rhode Island restored a partial mask mandate for larger indoor spaces, joining California and New York with expanded restrictions amid rising COVID-19 hospitalizations.

Asked whether Connecticut should pursue more aggressive pandemic restrictions, several local experts said they viewed the situation as complicated or didn't feel qualified to give policy advice. Keith Grant, senior system director of infection prevention at Hartford HealthCare, said he trusts the governor's team to make proper decisions.

But most experts say they themselves wear masks indoors in public. Dr. David Banach, an epidemiology at UConn Health, said masks remain important in confined spaces where COVID-19 might travel easily.

"From an individual perspective, the protection from vaccines and boosters is quite high, but one should also take into account other people they may come into contact with," Banach said. "So if you're going to come into contact with someone who is immunocompromised or someone who is unvaccinated, those kinds of factors will play a role."

Experts say Connecticut is in a stronger position now than a year ago, even with the arrival of the omicron variant, due to the state's high level of vaccination. Whereas last year the physicians who wrote to Lamont advocated for a pause on indoor dining, gyms and large gatherings, this year they largely just want recognition from public officials that COVID-19 is again an urgent problem.

Davis said he would like to see Lamont consider a mask mandate but that he'd also be happy to see a return of the governor's regular COVID-19 press briefings, which have become sporadic over the second half of this year.

"I would like to see the governor talking more about [COVID], probably back to having more press conferences," Davis said. "To me, those made a huge difference in terms of public awareness."

Reiss said the governor would not rule out a return of the press conferences but that today "there's a lot more information out there," making the briefings less necessary.

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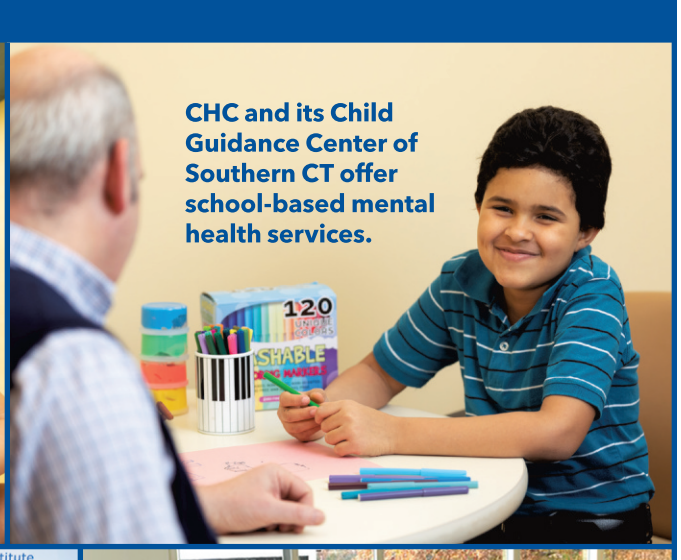

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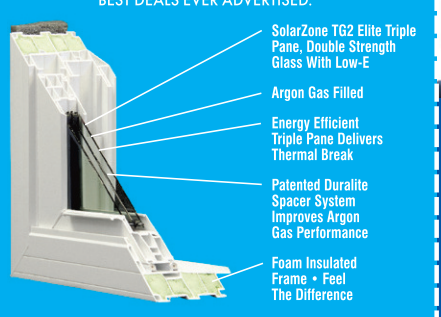

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NEWS BRIEFING

Judge finalizes jury instructions in Maxwell abuse trial

From news services

NEW YORK — British socialite Ghislaine Maxwell appeared in court on Saturday for a rare weekend hearing where attorneys made arguments about how the judge should instruct a jury on the law in Maxwell's sex abuse trial.

U.S. District Judge Alison Nathan scheduled the hearing — held in an otherwise closed courthouse and with jurors absent — in an effort to keep Maxwell's trial on a fast track that will have her case reach a jury early next week. Closing arguments and Nathan's reading of about 80 pages of instructions are set for Monday.

Prosecutors and Maxwell's attorneys spent the morning in federal court in Manhattan sparring over the exact wording the judge will use to describe to jurors the legal elements that must be proven to convict Maxwell on six criminal counts, including sex trafficking of a minor. One of the requests by Maxwell's lawyers that was approved: the judge should refer to her as "Ms. Maxwell" instead of "the defendant."

An attentive Maxwell sat at the defense table, sometimes taking notes. Her brother and sister, ever present at the trial these past three weeks, were among the spectators.

Maxwell, 59, has pleaded not guilty to charges that prosecutors say show that she and financier Jeffrey Epstein were involved in a scheme to groom teenagers to have sexual encounters with him. The defense has countered by claiming she's being made a scapegoat for 66-year-old Epstein, who killed himself in his Manhattan jail cell in 2019 as he awaited his own sex trafficking trial.

The defense rested its case on Friday after Maxwell told the judge she wouldn't testify.

"Your Honor, the government has not proven its case beyond a reasonable doubt so there is no reason for me to testify," Maxwell said.

Republican indicted: An Oklahoma County grand jury indicted a top Republican House leader on multiple felony counts, alleging he misused his power to change state law so his wife could become a tag agent.

House Speaker Pro Tempore Terry O'Donnell, the second-highest ranking member in the House, was charged in the indictment on Friday with five felonies and three misdemeanors, The Oklahoman reported.

"He denies any wrongdoing," his attorney, Mack Martin, told the newspaper.

His wife, Teresa O'Donnell, who was also indicted, faces three felonies and one misdemeanor. Court records don't indicate the name of her attorney.

The most severe offense against the couple is conspiracy against the state, which has a maximum punishment of 10 years in prison and a $25,000 fine.

The Catoosa Republican introduced a bill in 2019 that allowed spouses of legislators to serve as tag agents. The Oklahoma Tax Commission appointed his wife to take over the Catoosa Tag Agency on Aug. 1, 2019, three months after Gov. Kevin Stitt signed the bill into law.

Terry O'Donnell told The Oklahoman last year his wife had no intention of becoming a tag agent when he sponsored the bill. He said she sought the appointment after her mother died unexpectedly from pancreatic cancer.

Her mother, Georgia McAfee, had been in charge of the Catoosa Tag Agency for more than 40 years. Teresa O'Donnell had worked there for more than four years before her appointment.

Patricia Berkey grieves Saturday at the headstone of her late husband William Brian Berkey after laying a holiday wreath in Arlington National Cemetery during Wreaths Across America Day in Arlington, Virginia. GEMUNU AMARASINGHE/AP

Pakistan explosion: A powerful gas explosion in a sewage system in Pakistan's largest city, Karachi, killed at least 12 people and injured 11 others Saturday, police and a health official said.

Police spokesman Sohail Jokhio said the blast was apparently caused when something ignited gas that had accumulated in the sewer beneath a local bank building in the Shershah neighborhood of the port city.

The powerful blast destroyed the HBL bank building. Video footage aired by local television stations showed the entire structure of the Shershah branch was damaged. Jokhio said it was not yet clear what ignited the gas but a team of explosives experts had been summoned to investigate.

Omicron in 89 countries: The omicron variant of the coronavirus has been detected in 89 countries, and COVID-19 cases involving the variant are doubling every 1.5 to 3 days in places with community transmission and not just infections acquired abroad, the World Health Organization said Saturday.

Omicron's "substantial growth advantage" over the delta variant means it is likely to soon overtake delta as the dominant form of the virus in countries where the new variant is spreading locally, the U.N. health agency said.

WHO noted that omicron is spreading rapidly even in countries with high vaccination rates or where a significant proportion of the population has recovered from COVID-19 levels of population immunity.

It remains unclear if the rapid growth of omicron cases is because the variant evades existing immunity, is inherently more transmissible than previous variants, or a combination of both, WHO said.

Biden marks sad anniversary: President Joe Biden on Saturday commemorated the 49th anniversary of the car crash that killed his first wife and infant daughter, visiting their graves at the Saint Joseph on the Brandywine Roman Catholic Church.

Their deaths occurred just after Delaware voters elected Biden to the Senate in 1972 and the fatal car crash became a defining moment that has shaped his persona and career.

His sons Beau and Hunter, just under 4 and 3 at the time, were seriously injured but survived the crash. His wife Neilia and 13-month-old daughter Naomi died after their car was broadsided while they were en route to pick up a Christmas tree.

The tragedy haunted him at the start of his Senate career and has been a touchstone of his presidency, with Biden recently opening a speech in Minnesota by noting how two of that state's former senators helped him cope.

Biden married Jill Jacobs in 1977 and they added daughter Ashley to the family.

Both joined him at the church Saturday, as did Hunter and his family, among others. Beau died of brain cancer in 2015.

Italy cranes collapse: Two building cranes collapsed on a street in the northern Italian city of Turin, killing three construction workers and injuring passersby Saturday, firefighters and news reports said.

Two of the workers died at the scene and their bodies were extracted from the twisted blue metal, firefighters said in a tweet.

The third was taken to a local hospital, where he was pronounced dead, Turin daily newspaper La Stampa said.

Europe reimposes virus measures

As omicron sweeps continent, tougher restrictions start up

By Danica Kirka
Associated Press

Travelers on Saturday at BER Airport in Berlin, Germany. The country is advising people against travel. **JOERG CARSTENSEN/DPA**

LONDON — Nations across Europe moved to reimpose tougher measures to stem a new wave of COVID-19 infections spurred by the highly transmissible omicron variant, with the Netherlands leading the way by imposing a nationwide lockdown.

All non-essential stores, bars and restaurants in the Netherlands will be closed until Jan. 14 starting Sunday, caretaker Prime Minister Mark Rutte said at a hastily arranged press conference Saturday night. Schools and universities will shut until Jan. 9, he said.

In what is surely to prove a major disappointment, the lockdown terms also rein in private holiday celebrations. Residents only will be permitted two visitors except for Christmas and New Year's, when four will be allowed, according to Rutte.

"The Netherlands is going into lockdown again from tomorrow," he said, adding that the move was "unavoidable because of the fifth wave caused by the omicron variant that is bearing down on us."

It wasn't just the Dutch seeking to slow the spread of omicron. Alarmed ministers in France, Cyprus and Austria tightened travel restrictions. Paris canceled its New Year's Eve fireworks. Denmark has closed theaters, concert halls, amusement parks and museums. Ireland imposed an 8 p.m. curfew on pubs and bars and limited attendance at indoor and outdoor events.

London Mayor Sadiq Khan underscored the official concern about the climbing cases and their potential to overwhelm the health care system by declaring a major incident Saturday, a move that allows local councils in Britain's capital to coordinate work more closely with emergency services.

Irish Prime Minister Micheál Martin captured the sense of the continent in an address to the nation, saying the new restrictions were needed to protect lives and livelihoods from the resurgent virus.

"None of this is easy," Martin said Friday night. "We are all exhausted with COVID and the restrictions it requires. The twists and turns, the disappointments and the frustrations take a heavy toll on everyone. But it is the reality that we are dealing with."

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In the Netherlands, shoppers fearing the worst swarmed to commercial areas of Dutch cities earlier Saturday, thinking it might be their last chance to buy Christmas gifts.

Rotterdam municipality tweeted that it was "too busy in the center" of the port city and told people: "Don't come to the city." Amsterdam also warned that the city's main shopping street was busy and urged people to stick to coronavirus rules.

"I can hear the whole of the Netherlands sighing," Rutte said in his lockdown announcement. "All this, exactly one week before Christmas. Another Christmas that is completely different from what we want. Very bad news again for all those businesses and cultural institutions that rely on the holidays."

The head of the Dutch public health institute, Jaap van Dissel, described the shutdown as a preventative move that would "buy time" for more people to get booster vaccines and for the nation's health care system to prepare for a possible new surge in infections.

In the U.K., where confirmed daily cases soared to record numbers this week, the government has reimposed a requirement for masks to be worn indoors and ordered people to show proof of vaccination or a recent negative coronavirus test when going to nightclubs and large events.

But the moves caused anger.

Critics of British Prime Minister Boris Johnson's latest coronavirus restrictions flooded Oxford Street, a popular London shopping area, on Saturday. The maskless protesters blew whistles, yelled "Freedom!" and told passersby to remove their face coverings.

Hundreds of people blocked traffic as they marched with signs bearing slogans such as "Vaccine passports kill our freedoms" and "Don't comply." Other signs had the faces of Johnson or U.K. Health Secretary Sajid Javid and read, "Give them the boot."

Scientists are warning the British government it needs to go further to prevent hospitals from being overwhelmed. Leaked minutes from the Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies suggested a ban on indoor mixing and hospitality, the BBC reported.

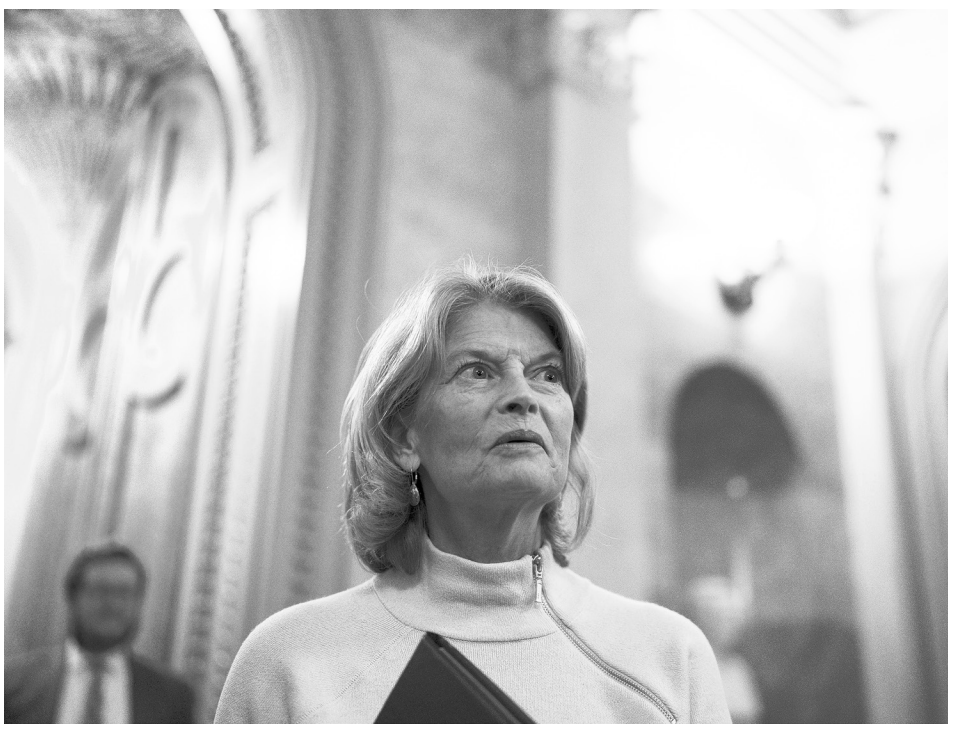
Omicron is now the dominant coronavirus variant in London, and efforts were stepped up to reach people who haven't yet been vaccinated or boosted.

Thousands of opponents of vaccine requirements and mask mandates protested Saturday in Hamburg, Berlin, Düsseldorf and other German cities.

Congress ends 'horrible year' with bitter divisions

Dems' achievements eclipsed by setbacks from Republicans

By Jonathan Weisman
The New York Times



"It has been a horrible year, hasn't it?" asked Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska. Democrats' achievements were dimmed by legislative setbacks. **STEFANI REYNOLDS/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

WASHINGTON — A congressional year that began with an assault on the seat of democracy ended at 4 a.m. Saturday with the failure of a narrow Democratic majority to deliver on its most cherished promises, leaving lawmakers in both parties wondering if the legislative branch can be rehabilitated without major changes to its rules of operations.

"It has been a horrible year, hasn't it?" asked Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, as she looked back on failed efforts to convict a former president and to create a bipartisan commission to examine the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol, as well as numerous legislative endeavors that could not find bipartisan majorities.

The Senate limped out of town in predawn darkness after slogging through nominations one by one but leaving dozens of President Joe Biden's nominees still awaiting confirmation to fill key positions at home and abroad — because a handful of Republican senators erected a blockade.

Biden and Democrats can point to some major successes in 2021, including a $1.9 trillion pandemic aid plan that included a $300-per-child income support that slashed poverty rates; a $1.2 trillion bipartisan infrastructure law that had eluded the two previous presidents; the confirmation of 40 judges in Biden's first year, the most of any president since Ronald Reagan; and a House inquiry that has begun to reveal more about the roots of the Jan. 6 riot.

But the desultory end to the first session of the 117th Congress left few happy. Republicans — helped along by Democratic holdouts — succeeded in obstructing much of Biden's agenda, including a major voting rights push meant to neutralize new restrictions their party has enacted at the state level. Democrats accused them of an assault on the foundations of democratic pluralism.

At times, Democrats tried resorting to bare-knuckled tactics to steer around that obstruction — drawing charges from Republicans that they were trampling the rights of the congressional minority in ways that they would soon regret — and still fell short of their goals.

House Democrats, who hold a slim majority in their chamber, fumed at their counterparts in the evenly divided Senate for failing them, while Senate Democrats railed against two of their own — Sens. Joe Manchin of West Virginia and Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona — for grinding Biden's agenda to a halt with their refusals to fall in line.

The disappointments were impossible to deny. Democrats have been warning with growing urgency that forces loyal to former President Donald Trump have been moving the pieces into place to disrupt or potentially overturn the next presidential election — through new barriers to voting, partisan election controls and gerrymandered House districts.

Yet efforts to enact expanded voting rights, institute fair election rules or place any new controls on the presidency have hit a wall in the Senate.

A self-imposed Christmas deadline to pass a $2 trillion social safety net and climate change bill through the Senate came and went, with one senator in particular, Manchin, looking increasingly intransigent.

Other promises to overhaul the nation's crippled immigration laws, force the conversion of electric utilities to renewable energy, strengthen gun safety laws and reform policing rules appear dead.

Even raising the borrowing limit to make sure the federal government did not default on debt incurred under both Trump and Biden could only be accomplished by the most convoluted of legislative machinations.

"Welcome to the United States Senate. I've been here for 25 years, and I've seen the decline of this institution to the point where we no longer function as we once did," said Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois, the No. 2 Democrat. He added, "Until we change the rules of the Senate and get serious about legislating on behalf of the American people, we're going to continue to suffer this frustration."

Lawmakers from both parties blamed their opponents for the malaise hanging over the Capitol. Sen. Mitt Romney, R-Utah, said any number of issues might have been resolved if Democrats had simply approached open-minded Republicans to find solutions.

He pointed to an income security plan he rolled out in February that could have been the basis for negotiations as the Democrats struggled to extend their $300 child credit beyond 2021. No one even broached the subject with him, he said.

But beyond partisan finger pointing, few could argue the legislative branch of government was functioning properly. As long as most policy bills need 60 votes to overcome a Senate filibuster, Speaker Nancy Pelosi's remarkable ability to corral her whisper-thin House majority will be for naught on most legislation.

Party's over: Head of UK's 'partygate' probe out over office's own events

By Danica Kirka
Associated Press

LONDON — U.K. Prime Minister Boris Johnson's first choice to investigate allegations that government officials held Christmas parties last year when COVID-19 rules barred such gatherings has stepped aside after he, too, was caught up in the "partygate" scandal.

Simon Case, the head of the civil service, resigned from leading the investigation after the Guido Fawkes website reported Friday that Case's department held two parties in December 2020. Johnson tapped Sue Gray, a former senior government ethics adviser, to take over the inquiry.

The moves came after Johnson's Conservative Party suffered a stunning defeat in a parliamentary by-election that was attributed in part to "partygate," which has dominated British news headlines for two weeks. The idea that politicians and civil servants in London were partying when lockdown rules separated citizens from loved ones angered the public.

Angela Rayner, deputy leader of the opposition Labour Party, said Gray now has the task of restoring public trust. One point in Gray's favor may be that she was based in Belfast a year ago as the senior civil servant in the Northern Ireland Department of Finance.

"At the moment, people are saying, 'Which department didn't have a party?' " Rayner said. "It's incredibly disappointing because we all know what was happening when these parties were going on: People couldn't see their loved ones who were dying and were making incredible sacrifices."

Case was brought in to investigate the scandal after a video surfaced of a mock press conference where some of Johnson's staff appeared to make light of a party that violated the rules. Until that time, the prime minister had steadfastly denied that government officials had broken any lockdown rules.

The Times of London newspaper reported Saturday that one of the events held by Case's department, the Cabinet Office, was listed in digital calendars as "Christmas party!" and was organized by a member of Case's team.

The Cabinet Office said Friday that the event was a virtual quiz in which a small number of people who had been working together in the same office took part from their desks.

"The Cabinet Secretary played no part in the event but walked through the team's office on the way to his own office," the office said in a statement. "No outside guests or other staff were invited or present. This lasted for an hour and drinks and snacks were bought by those attending. He also spoke briefly to staff in the office before leaving."

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Tornadoes predictable, as are deaths

Forecasts incredibly precise, but lives still being lost in storms

By Thomas Fuller and Tariro Mzezewa
The New York Times

Larry Slaughter in his home, where he sheltered from a tornado, in Bowling Green, Ky. **LUKE SHARRETT/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

Morgan Jackson, a cashier at Casey's General Store, a gas station in Mayfield, Kentucky, checked the weather all day on Dec. 10 as her phone bleeped with loud alerts, friends and family called to compare notes and customers chatted incessantly about the tornadoes that were likely to head their way.

"We all knew the storm was going to hit," she said. "There's no way a single person here didn't know the storm was coming."

For residents of Mayfield subjected to the flurry of alerts and text messages, the urgent pleadings of television meteorologists and the barrage of warnings on social media, one thing has been clear: This was not a tornado that came without warning.

Jackson said she was surprised by how accurately forecasters had pegged the timing of the tornado, one of several that swept through Kentucky that night. "They said it would hit at 9:30 and it hit at 9:30," she said.

Weather prediction technology has become so precise in recent years that tornadoes are almost always foreseen, a vast, if somewhat unheralded, improvement in forecasting.

In the late 1980s, before the use of Doppler radar and other technologies, meteorologists were able to issue warnings for 46 of 88 violent tornadoes in the United States, or just more than half, federal data shows. In recent years, powerful tornadoes have been preceded by warnings 97% of the time.

Yet despite the advances in forecasting, tornadoes that strike continue to have deadly consequences — whether because of poor decisions, weak construction or just bad luck. The storms that hit last weekend left at least 89 people dead in five states.

"People got the warning but we are still left with the question of why people died," said Stephen Strader, a professor at Villanova University who studies disasters. "Something else failed them."

Unlike hurricanes, tornado warnings come with a much shorter lead time: around 15 to 18 minutes on average. Friday's tornadoes had better-than-usual warning times, in some cases 3 times as long.

But when tornadoes strike at night, as they did last week, residents are more likely to miss the warnings. Tornadoes at night are 2.5 times as likely to result in fatalities, research shows.

The tornado that ravaged western Kentucky was a monster, an EF-3 storm with winds of 136-165 mph. With a footprint of up to three-quarters of a mile wide, it shredded warehouses and houses along a path of more than 220 miles.

But while many Kentucky residents sought shelter where they could find it, others elected to remain in their homes or report to work. Some said they were not sure how seriously to take the dire predictions, or did not think the storm would hit their neighborhood.

At a time when the incidence of extreme weather and natural threats — hurricanes, wildfires, floods — seems to be rising, the availability of so much data on storms and tornadoes can be overwhelming.

"There's definitely the potential to be getting too much information," said Alex Anderson-Frey, a professor at the University of Washington who studies the efficiency of tornado warnings.

In Mayfield, Katrina Spradling became deeply worried about the likelihood of tornadoes as she watched the weather forecast all day that Friday; her phone buzzed with alerts and messages on the severity of the storms. She urged her father, Bobby Spradling Jr., whose home on the outskirts of Mayfield did not have a secure place to shelter, to come take cover at her home about 10 minutes away. But her father stayed home.

He was found dead the next morning. The authorities told his family that based on where they found his body, they believed he had tried to leave his home and get to shelter when it was too late.

"I'm shaken and have never seen anything like this," Spradling said of the damage to Mayfield. "We talked off and on about creating a shelter, but we never did. I wish we had."

Even some of those who may have taken the warnings seriously ended up being killed in Friday's tornadoes for a variety of reasons: because their homes were not strong enough to resist the tremendous force of the wind, because their employers kept them in an unsafe building, because they made poor decisions such as going outside.

Research by Harold Brooks, a senior research scientist at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Severe Storms Laboratory, shows that about 2% of people whose homes are directly struck by a powerful tornado are killed, roughly the same odds of dying after being infected with the coronavirus.

Brooks, who lives in Oklahoma, has an 8-foot by 5-foot tornado shelter in his house that doubles as a walk-in closet. It has 6-inch-thick reinforced concrete walls and a steel door. "That thing is not going anywhere, in any wind on the planet," he said.

Experts say the United States has reached a point where the technology to predict tornadoes is no longer the main obstacle to saving lives.

The huge strides in tornado prediction rates have been made possible by a cascade of scientific advances. The introduction of Doppler radar in the 1990s and subsequent upgrades allowed forecasters to measure the wind inside of a storm, to distinguish between rain, snow or hail and to see and predict the formation of tornadoes. The proliferation of weather satellites allows scientists even more visibility into the formation of storms — and, crucially, the conditions that might create a tornado. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration operates 16 satellites.

The deluge of data from these technologies is crunched and modeled in real time by some of the world's most powerful supercomputers.

"In many ways the tornado warning system — and everything that leads up to it — is one of the most incredible success stories in applied science," Brooks said. "We don't miss violent tornadoes essentially ever now."

In the wake of last weekend's tornadoes, a number of scientists have made comparisons to a similar event nearly a century ago to illustrate how awareness of a coming danger saves lives.

In 1925, when the best the authorities could do was send warnings by telegraph, a tornado traveled across parts of Missouri, Illinois and Indiana for about 220 miles — similar to the distance traveled by the biggest of the tornadoes that struck this time.

The 1925 tornado killed nearly 700 people, about 10 times the death toll of Friday's worst disaster.

Dr. Rahul Gupta, left, the director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, walks Nov. 18 with Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., at the White House. **ALEX BRANDON/AP**

Manchin's stance on child tax credit draws criticism at home

By Ashraf Khalil
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sen. Joe Manchin's reluctance to endorse the Biden administration's expanded child tax credit program is rippling through his home state of West Virginia.

Manchin, a moderate Democrat, is one of the last holdouts delaying passage of President Joe Biden's massive social and environmental package, dubbed the Build Back Better Act. The West Virginia senator has expressed concerns over multiple aspects of the roughly $2 trillion package, including the continuation of the expanded Child Tax Credit program.

The expansion, passed earlier this year as part of pandemic relief legislation, boosted the monthly payments for parents and greatly expanded the scope of those eligible. In West Virginia, one of the country's poorest states, the effect was immediate, advocates say.

"There is no state that's more impacted by the CTC," said Kelly Allen, executive director of the West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy. "West Virginia, frankly, wasn't doing great before the pandemic. So this is absolutely needed now and in the long term."

On Dec. 15, CTC payments went out to 181,000 West Virginia families, according to Treasury Department figures. The payments averaged $446 and reached 305,000 children. Those payments could end this month, if the Biden package doesn't pass in the next few days.

A coalition of West Virginia groups has been lobbying Manchin from the local end, emphasizing the ground-level stories of families who benefitted from the expansion.

"We're hearing it from every corner of the state," said Jim McKay of TEAM for West Virginia Children. "This program is really having a profound impact in a positive way."

Allen warned that 50,000 children in the state are in danger of slipping into poverty if the payments lapse, or the negotiations drag on so long that the Jan. 15 payment doesn't happen. One in five West Virginia children is estimated to live in poverty and 93% of children in the state are eligible for the CTC payments, tied for the highest rates in the country.

Manchin told reporters Wednesday that assertions he wants to strip the child tax credit improvements were "a lot of bad rumors." Asked if he backed eliminating one of the bill's child tax credit improvements — monthly checks sent to millions of families — he said, "I'm not negotiating with any of you."

Studies suggest the child tax credit expansions are expected to cut child poverty by 40% — with 9 of 10 American children benefiting. All told, some 4.1 million children are on track to be lifted above the poverty line, according to analysis from the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities.

In West Virginia, recipients spent 52% of their CTC money on food, with 39% going toward clothing and other essentials for their children, according to a study by Washington University in St. Louis' Social Policy Institute.

Ransomware hacks persists as high-profile attacks slow

By Eric Tucker and Alan Suderman
Associated Press

Kenneth Trzaska leads Lewis & Clark Community College, a small Illinois school where a ransomware attack knocked critical computer systems offline. **JEFF ROBERSON/AP**

WASHINGTON — In the months since President Joe Biden warned Russia's Vladimir Putin that he needed to crack down on ransomware gangs in his country, there hasn't been a massive attack like the one last May that resulted in gasoline shortages. But that's small comfort to Ken Trzaska.

Trzaska is president of Lewis & Clark Community College, a small Illinois school that canceled classes for days after a ransomware attack last month that knocked critical computer systems offline.

"That first day," Trzaska said, "I think all of us were probably up 20-plus hours, just moving through the process, trying to get our arms around what happened."

Even if the United States isn't currently enduring large-scale, front-page ransomware attacks on par with ones earlier this year that targeted the global meat supply or kept millions of Americans from filling their gas tanks, the problem hasn't disappeared. In fact, the attack on Trzaska's college was part of a barrage of lower-profile episodes on businesses, governments, schools and hospitals.

The college's ordeal reflects the challenges the Biden administration faces in stamping out the threat — and its uneven progress in doing so since ransomware became an urgent national security problem last spring.

U.S. officials have recaptured some ransom payments, cracked down on abuses of cryptocurrency, and made some arrests. Spy agencies have launched attacks against ransomware groups and the U.S. has pushed federal, state and local governments, as well as private industries, to boost protections.

Yet six months after Biden's admonitions to Putin, it's hard to tell whether hackers have eased up because of U.S. pressure. Smaller-scale attacks continue, with ransomware criminals continuing to operate from Russia with seeming impunity. Administration officials have given conflicting assessments about whether Russia's behavior has changed since last summer. Further complicating matters, ransomware is no longer at the top of the U.S.-Russia agenda, with Washington focused on dissuading Putin from invading Ukraine.

The White House said it was determined to "fight all ransomware" through its various tools but that the government's response depends on the severity of the attack.

Ransomware attacks — in which hackers lock up victims' data and demand exorbitant sums to return it — surfaced as a national security emergency for the administration after a May attack on Colonial Pipeline, which supplies nearly half the fuel consumed on the East Coast.

The attack prompted the company to halt operations, causing gas shortages for days, though it resumed service after paying more than $4 million in ransom. Soon after came an attack on meat processor JBS, which paid an $11 million ransom.

Since then, there have been some notable attacks from groups believed to be based in Russia, including against Sinclair Broadcast Group and the National Rifle Association, but none of the same consequence or impact of those from last spring or summer.

One reason may be increased U.S. government scrutiny, or fear of it.

The Biden administration in September sanctioned a Russia-based virtual currency exchange that officials say helped ransomware gangs launder funds.

Last month, the Justice Department unsealed charges against a suspected Ukrainian ransomware operator and has recovered millions of dollars in ransom payments.

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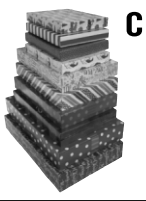

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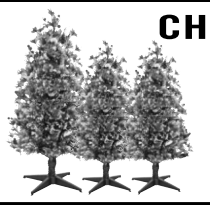

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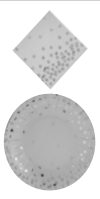

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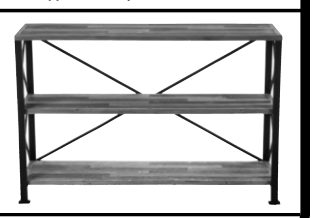

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The House reconvenes to continue certifying the 2020 election results after the storming of the Capitol by supporters of Donald Trump on Jan. 6. **ERIN SCHAFF/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

All a president's henchmen

6 GOP lawmakers, along with Meadows and loyalists, were key to fight to keep Trump in power

By Katie Benner, Catie Edmondson and Luke Broadwater
The New York Times

Amped up by speeches and machinations of Donald Trump and his loyalists, supporters approach the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6. **ADRIANA ZEHBRAUSKAS/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

WASHINGTON — Two days after Christmas last year, Richard Donoghue, a top Justice Department official in the waning days of the Trump administration, saw an unknown number appear on his phone.

Donoghue had spent weeks fielding calls, emails and in-person requests from President Donald Trump and his allies, all of whom asked the Justice Department to declare, falsely, that the election was corrupt. The lame-duck president had surrounded himself with a crew of unscrupulous lawyers, conspiracy theorists, even the chief executive of MyPillow — and they were stoking his election lies.

Trump had been handing out Donoghue's cellphone number so that people could pass on rumors of election fraud. Who could be calling him now?

It turned out to be a member of Congress: Rep. Scott Perry, R-Pa., who began pressing the president's case. Perry said he had compiled a dossier of voter fraud allegations that the department needed to vet. Jeffrey Clark, a Justice Department lawyer who had found favor with Trump, could "do something" about the president's claims, Perry said, even if others in the department would not.

The message was delivered by an obscure lawmaker who was doing Trump's bidding. Justice Department officials viewed it as outrageous political pressure from a White House that had become consumed by conspiracy theories.

It was also one example of how a half-dozen right-wing members of Congress became key foot soldiers in Trump's effort to overturn the election, according to dozens of interviews and a review of hundreds of pages of congressional testimony about the attack on the Capitol on Jan. 6.

The lawmakers — all of them members of the ultra-conservative House Freedom Caucus — worked closely with the White House chief of staff, Mark Meadows, whose central role in Trump's efforts to overturn a democratic election is coming into focus as the congressional investigation into Jan. 6 gains traction.

There was Rep. Jim Jordan of Ohio, the pugnacious former wrestler who bolstered his national profile by defending Trump on cable television; Rep. Andy Biggs of Arizona, whose political ascent was padded by a $10 million sweepstakes win; and Rep. Paul Gosar, an Arizona dentist who trafficked in conspiracy theories and spoke at a white nationalist rally.

They were joined by Rep. Louie Gohmert of Texas, who was known for fiery speeches delivered to an empty House chamber and unsuccessfully sued Vice President Mike Pence over his refusal to interfere in the election certification; and Rep. Mo Brooks of Alabama, a lawyer who rode the Tea Party wave to Congress and was later sued by a Democratic congressman for inciting the Jan. 6 riot.

Perry, a former Army helicopter pilot who is close to Jordan and Meadows, acted as a de facto sergeant. He coordinated many of the efforts to keep Trump in office, including a plan to replace the acting attorney general with a more compliant official. His colleagues call him General Perry.

Meadows, a former congressman from North Carolina who co-founded the Freedom Caucus in 2015, knew the six lawmakers well. His role as Trump's right-hand man helped to remarkably empower the group in the president's final, chaotic weeks in office.

Congressional Republicans have fought the Jan. 6 committee's investigation at every turn, but it is increasingly clear that Trump relied on the lawmakers to help his attempts to retain power. When Justice Department officials said they could not find evidence of widespread fraud, Trump was unconcerned: "Just say that the election was corrupt + leave the rest to me and the R. Congressmen," he said, according to Donoghue's notes of the call.

November

On Nov. 9, two days after Associated Press called the race for Biden, crisis meetings were underway at Trump campaign headquarters in Arlington, Virginia.

Perry and Jordan huddled with senior White House officials, including Meadows; Stephen Miller, a top Trump adviser; Bill Stepien, the campaign manager; and Kayleigh McEnany, the White House press secretary.

According to two people familiar with the meetings, which have not been previously reported, the group settled on a strategy that would become a blueprint for Trump's supporters in Congress: Hammer home the idea that the election was tainted, announce legal actions being taken by the campaign, and bolster the case with allegations of fraud.

At a news conference later that day, McEnany delivered the message.

"This election is not over," she said. "Far from it."

Jordan's spokesperson said that the meeting was to discuss media strategy, not to overturn the election.

On cable television and radio shows and at rallies, the lawmakers used unproved fraud claims to promote the idea that the election had been stolen. Brooks said he would never vote to certify Trump's loss. Jordan told Fox News that ballots were counted in Pennsylvania after the election, contrary to state law. Gohmert claimed in Philadelphia that there was "rampant" voter fraud and later said on YouTube that the U.S. military had seized computer servers in Germany used to flip American votes.

Gosar pressed Doug Ducey, the Republican governor of Arizona, to investigate voting equipment made by Dominion Voting Systems, a company at the heart of several false conspiracy theories that Trump and his allies spread.

Gosar embraced the fraud claims so closely that his chief of staff, Tom Van Flein, rushed to an airplane hangar parking lot in Phoenix after a conspiracy theory began circulating that a suspicious jet carrying ballots from South Korea was about to land, perhaps in a bid to steal the election from Trump, according to court documents filed by one of the participants. The claim turned out to be baseless.

December

On Dec. 1, 2020, Attorney General William Barr said publicly what he knew to be true: The Justice Department had found no evidence of widespread election fraud. Biden was the lawful winner.

The attorney general's declaration seemed only to energize the six lawmakers. Gohmert suggested that the FBI in Washington could not be trusted to investigate election fraud. Biggs said that Trump's allies needed "the imprimatur, quite frankly of the DOJ," to win their lawsuits claiming fraud.

They turned their attention to Jan. 6, when Pence was to officially certify Biden's victory. Jordan, asked if the president should concede, replied, "No way."

The lawmakers started drumming up support to derail the transfer of power.

Gohmert sued Pence in an attempt to force him to nullify the results of the election. Perry circulated a letter written by Pennsylvania state legislators to McConnell and Rep. Kevin McCarthy of California, the House Republican leader, asking Congress to delay certification. "I'm obliged to concur," Perry wrote.

Meadows remained the key leader. When disputes broke out among organizers of the pro-Trump "Stop the Steal" rallies, he stepped in to mediate, according to two organizers, Dustin Stockton and Jennifer Lynn Lawrence.

In one case, Meadows helped settle a feud about whether to have one or two rallies on Jan. 6. The organizers decided that Trump would make what amounted to an opening statement about election fraud during his speech at the Ellipse, then the lawmakers would rise in succession during the congressional proceeding and present evidence they had gathered of purported fraud.

(That plan was ultimately derailed by the attack on Congress, Stockton said.)

On Dec. 21, Trump met with members of the Freedom Caucus to discuss their plans. Jordan, Gosar, Biggs, Brooks and Meadows were there.

"This sedition will be stopped," Gosar wrote on Twitter.

January

On Jan. 5, Jordan was still pushing. That day, he forwarded Meadows a text message he had received from a lawyer and former Pentagon inspector general outlining a legal strategy to overturn the election.

"On January 6, 2021, Vice President Mike Pence, as President of the Senate, should call out all the electoral votes that he believes are unconstitutional as no electoral votes at all — in accordance with guidance from founding father Alexander Hamilton and judicial precedence," the text read.

On Jan. 6, Washington was overcast and breezy as thousands of people gathered at the Ellipse to hear Trump and his allies spread a lie that has become a rallying cry in the months since: that the election was stolen.

Brooks, wearing body armor, took the stage in the morning, saying he was speaking at the behest of the White House. The crowd began to swell.

"Today is the day American patriots start taking down names and kicking ass," Brooks said. "Are you willing to do what it takes to fight for America?"

Trump approached the dais soon after. "We will never give up," Trump said. "We will never concede."

Roaring their approval, many in the crowd began the walk down Pennsylvania Avenue toward the Capitol, where the certification proceeding was underway. Amped up by the speakers at the rally, the crowd taunted the officers who guarded the Capitol and pushed toward the building's staircases and entry points, eventually breaching security along the perimeter just after 1 p.m.

By this point, the six lawmakers were inside the Capitol, ready to protest the certification. Gosar was speaking at 2:16 p.m. when security forces entered the chamber because rioters were in the building.

As the melee erupted, Sen. Mitt Romney, R-Utah, yelled to his colleagues who were planning to challenge the election: "This is what you've gotten, guys."

When Jordan tried to help Rep. Liz Cheney, R-Wyo., move to safety, she smacked his hand away, according to a congressional aide briefed on the exchange.

"Get away from me," she told him. "You ... did this."

A spokesman for Jordan disputed parts of the account, saying that Cheney did not curse at the congressman or slap him.

The back-and-forth was reported earlier by Washington Post reporters Carol Leonnig and Philip Rucker in their book "I Alone Can Fix It."

The Aftermath

Perry was recently elected leader of the Freedom Caucus, elevating him to an influential leadership post as Republicans could regain control of the House in 2022. The stolen election claim is now a litmus test for the party, with Trump and his allies working to oust those who refuse to back it.

All six lawmakers are poised to be key supporters should Trump maintain his political clout before the midterm and general elections. Brooks is running for Senate in Alabama, and Gohmert is running for Texas attorney general.Some, like Jordan, are in line to become committee chairs if Republicans take back the House.

In many ways, they have tried to rewrite history. Several of the men have argued that the Jan. 6 attack was akin to a tourist visit to the Capitol. Gosar cast the attackers as "peaceful patriots across the country." A Pew research poll found that nearly two-thirds of Republicans said their party should not accept elected officials who criticize Trump.

Still, the House select committee investigating the Capitol attack appears to be picking up steam, voting last week to recommend Meadows be charged with criminal contempt of Congress.

Rep. Bennie Thompson, D-Miss. and the chairman of the committee, said the panel would follow the facts wherever they led, including to members of Congress.

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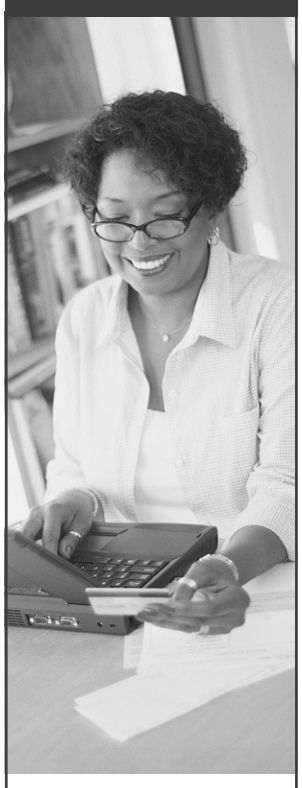
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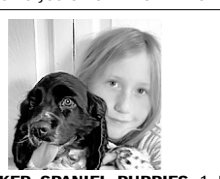

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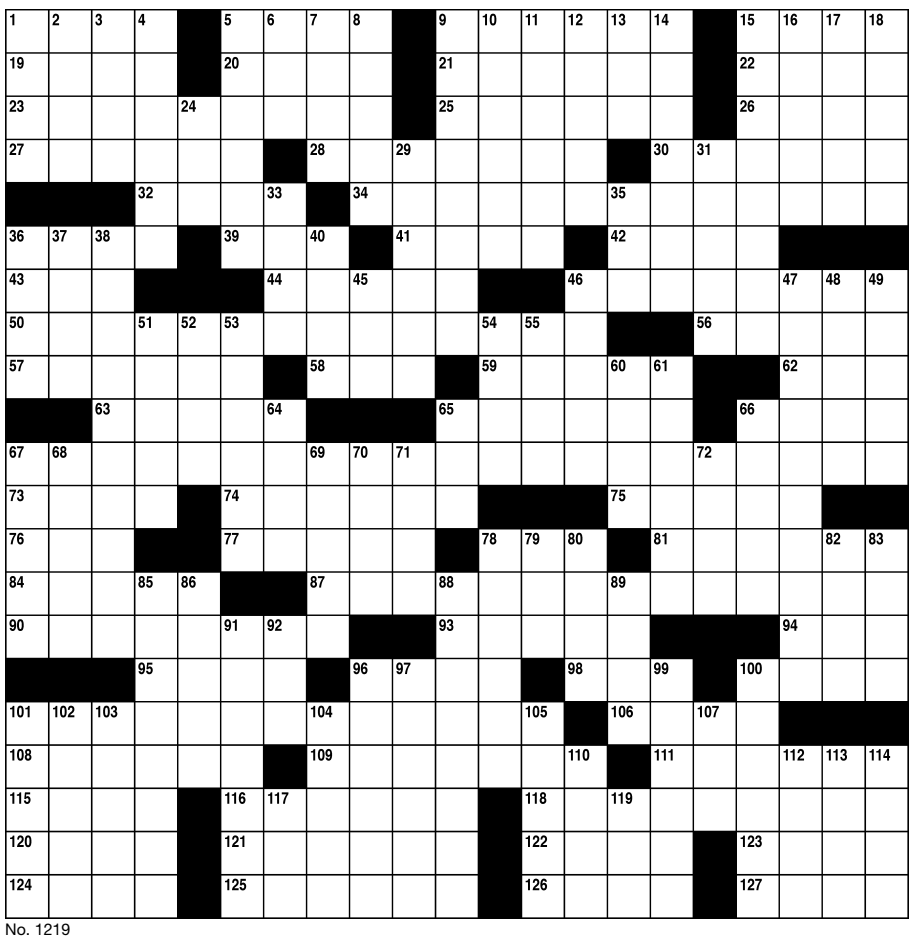
Daniel Okulitch, originally from Calgary, Alberta, is a professional opera singer of more than 25 years. He has performed for the New York City Opera, Los Angeles Opera, Teatro Colón in Buenos Aires and many other venues. Last month he completed a run of shows at the Bolshoi Theater in Moscow as the title character in Mozart's "Don Giovanni." His partner, Lara, also a singer, introduced him to crosswords last year as part of their morning routine and he started constructing soon after. Doug Peterson, of Pasadena, Calif., is a professional crossword constructor. The two were introduced online. — W.S.

ACROSS

1 Research subject for which Bohr won a Physics Nobel
5 Grimm account
9 Musical medley
15 Like cranberries
19 Protagonist of Colson Whitehead's "The Underground Railroad"
20 Big-time
21 Tarot deck grouping
22 Trash day reminder, maybe
23 Side hustle for a hairstylist?
25 Rodent-catching feline
26 Maker of Regenerist products
27 Oust
28 French auto pioneer Louis
30 Dan Conner and Danny Tanner, e.g.
32 [Blown kiss]
34 Side hustle for a veterinarian?
36 Manage OK
39 Dangerous crowd
41 Try to lighten up, perhaps?
42 New York Cosmos star of the '70s
43 Metal precioso
44 Polite rejection
46 National gemstone of Mexico
50 Side hustle for a therapist?
56 "A Confederacy of Dunces" author
57 Shed, with "off"
58 Many a Sharon Olds poem
59 Leaf-to-branch angles
62 It may be glossed over
63 Turned
65 Its fleece is hypoallergenic
66 Part of a gig
67 Side hustle for an anesthesiologist?
73 Leon who wrote "Battle Cry"
74 Avid bird-watcher, say
75 URL divider
76 "Mr. Mayor" airer
77 First stroke of the day
78 Holy ones: Abbr.
81 Spanish city north of León
84 Encrusted
87 Side hustle for a carpenter?
90 Netted
93 Give an address
94 Home in the mud
95 Christmas purchase
96 Like Athena
98 Moving ____
100 Record label for Otis Redding and Big Star
101 Side hustle for a marriage counselor?
106 Small sweater?
108 Cold-weather jacket
109 Person with lots to show
111 Kind of license
115 Museum that awards the Turner Prize
116 "Oh yeah? Watch me!"
118 Side hustle for a drill instructor?
120 Tech tutorials site
121 Sub groups?
122 Set of showbiz awards, in brief
123 Hightail it
124 Actress and inventor Lamarr
125 Where the tradition of shaking hands as a greeting originated
126 Clinches, with "up"
127 Show off at the gym

DOWN

1 "Because freedom can't protect itself" org.
2 Animated figure
3 Evil creatures in 7-Down
4 Defiant retort
5 Large orchestral gong
6 Mahershala of "Moonlight"
7 Frodo's film franchise, familiarly
8 Blues great Waters
9 One with a nesting instinct
10 Inflame
11 Shape
12 Something made in a hurry
13 A in French class
14 One getting down, so to speak
15 Cheery "Ciao!"
16 Two-time opponent of Dwight
17 Map lines
18 Guilt-producing meeting, perhaps
24 Maxim
29 Nobel-winning author Gordimer
31 Park supervisor?
33 Refine
35 Economic stat.
36 Male swans
37 Like one Freudian fixation
38 Bouncy toys
40 Thrift-store fashion, informally
45 Blue
46 Order member
47 Hindu, for one
48 Justice beginning in 2006
49 New Testament miracle recipient
51 "Uh-oh" sounds
52 ____ fresca
53 Its etymology may derive from the diminutive of "borough" in Italian
54 "Mission: Impossible" theme composer Schifrin
55 Convention center event
60 Some HDTVs
61 1979 Commodores hit with the lyric "Good times never felt so good"
64 Singer Celine
65 One of two in "Hamilton"
66 Aggressively mainstream, in slang
67 Unit of prevention
68 ____ legend
69 Revise, as text
70 Org. with Divisions I-III
71 Suspense novelist Hoag
72 Pandora native in "Avatar"
78 Side of a block
79 Word after high or weak
80 Classic skit comedy show
82 Sole ingredient in some cookies?
83 Rock with colorful bands
85 Sum total
86 "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" vampire
88 Like a bad outcome for all
89 Great deal
91 Causing quite a stink
92 Opposite of morn
96 Frank
97 "Hold on ..."
99 Hotel room restriction
100 Drive to the station, say
101 Come down with
102 Nonsensical
103 Checked a box, maybe
104 Accent ____
105 Wizards' wear
107 Giant bird of Arabian myth
110 Blow a fuse
112 Starbucks size
113 Slurpee relative
114 Party mix ingredient
117 Big game show prize
119 Scatter



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Big East back in big way

UConn men draw sellout in Hartford

By Christopher Keating
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — It was just like the old days: a raucous, sell-out crowd Saturday for a UConn men's basketball game against longtime rival Providence in the Big East Conference.

That is how it was for decades, but times changed sharply for both the conference and the Huskies.

The bars and restaurants around the XL Center — eerily quiet for much of the past 19 months in the COVID-19 era —

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UConn fans are greeted by the team's mascot Jonathan the Husky before Saturday's Big East men's basketball opener against Providence at the XL Center in Hartford. **JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

Highly sought fugitive arrested

Suspect in more than 20 crimes is caught by police in New Britain

By Christopher Keating
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Police arrested a highly sought fugitive wanted by the FBI and other police agencies after a series of armed robberies, carjackings and assaults.

Christian Velez, 24, was taken into custody Friday night in New Britain on multiple arrest warrants, including federal, in connection with robberies that started Sept. 2. Police said they suspect that Velez has been involved in more than 20 crimes.

A complaint that was previously unsealed showed that Velez would be charged with robbery and brandishing a firearm during, and in relation to, a crime of violence, prosecutors said.

Velez was wanted by a multi-agency operation that eventually tracked him down, including the Connecticut State Police Statewide Narcotics Task Force, Statewide Firearms Trafficking Task Force and State Police Tactical

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Jay Gould, a server at Fleming's in West Hartford Center, was named Server of the Year at the CRAzies, the annual awards given by the Connecticut Restaurant Association. He is pictured in the Fleming's dining room. **CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

BRINGING A LOT TO THE TABLE

Jason Gould of Fleming's Prime is Connecticut's server of the year

By Susan Dunne | Hartford Courant

Over the course of the pandemic, restaurants have suffered shutdowns, improvised new ways of operating and enforced unpopular restrictions. Closest to the public and those most often faced with COVID-19's challenges and unpredictable guests are servers.

Unbent by those challenges is the relentless optimism of Jason Gould, who was named server of the year at the Connecticut Restaurant Association's CRAzies awards.

"At first it was such a heightened state, people sanitizing their hands all the time, being very cautious. It's calmed down now. People want to get out," he said.

And while the pandemic was traumatic for the restaurant industry, "the community has been great, supporting us," he said.

Gould, who works at Fleming's Prime Steakhouse in West Hartford, has worked at Avon Old Farms Inn, Max A Mia, Trumbull Kitchen and Bricco, bartending or serving. Before Fleming's, he worked at Grant's.

Always, he's committed to providing good service.

"A good server genuinely cares about the guest experience. There's nothing worse than bad service," Gould said. "You can have the best food, but bad service can ruin it. I come from a small town. People took care of each other. I feel a pressure for people to leave here happy."

A native of Contocook, New Hampshire, Gould started his career in what he called "the only restaurant in the village," Dimitri's Pizza. "I shredded cheese. I cut pizza," he said. Even before Dimitri's, the dining industry had left an impression on him.

"My parents watched Julia Child, Jacques Pepin, the Frugal Gourmet. Growing up in Contocook, I wasn't exposed to food like that," said Gould, who is now 45 and lives in Canton.

Wherever he went, Gould found a job in a restaurant — in New Hampshire while studying at Keene, at Yellowstone National Park on school breaks, and by the ocean in Florida.

"I bartended and shucked oysters on the beach. When I wasn't shucking oysters, I was sitting on the beach. It was incredible. My favorite thing in the world is the ocean."

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Birth fulfills a final wish

Woman delivers baby just before terminally ill husband dies

By Seamus Mcavoy
Hartford Courant

Haley Parke gave birth to her second son on Dec. 2, via cesarean section, three weeks before term. Moments later she lost her husband, who was terminally ill with cancer, six months earlier than expected.

It was the dying wish of her husband, John "JB" Parke, to see the birth of their second son. To do so took a miracle.

JB Parke was admitted to Hartford Hospital on Nov. 28 due to complications from his cancer, Haley, 28, wrote in a since-viral Facebook post. He had been battling cancer over the past year, according to his obituary.

JB Parke, who was 33, was a baseball standout at Coginchaug High School, where he graduated in 2006, and went on to captain his Eastern Connecticut State University team as a senior, even playing nine games for the Brockton Rox of the former Canadian American Independent League after graduating in 2010.

Haley and JB, a supply chain manager for Pratt & Whitney, started dating in 2016 and married in 2018. They moved to Tolland, where the couple got to work building their own furniture, and the house which would soon become home to their first son, Brinton.

On Dec. 1, doctors told the Tolland couple that JB's prognosis had been reduced from six months to a matter of days. Their second child's delivery date was still three weeks away.

Haley, consulting with JB in the hospital's intensive care unit, began the process for elective labor induction that night.

"I kissed my sweet husband goodbye and told him to be strong and hold on for me and the baby — he said he would," Haley wrote on Facebook.

The next morning brought even more heartbreaking news: by 8 a.m. JB's condition had quickly worsened, the ICU doctors told Haley.

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Induced labor can take two or three days, but the doctors told Haley that JB only had a few hours left. "It was either a C-section right at that moment, or JB would not have the opportunity to meet our son," Haley wrote.

Now there was no opportunity to talk things over with her husband, who was away in intensive care, but Haley didn't need to.

"Without a question in my mind, I said, 'Let's go,' and we did just that," she wrote.

Haley was swiftly moved to an operating room for the procedure. Twenty minutes later, the couple's second son was born.

There was just enough time for Haley to give the newborn a kiss. After, a team of doctors and nurses rushed her son two floors to the ICU to place him "on his daddy's chest."

"The miracle of all this?" Haley wrote. "When our baby was placed on JB's chest, JB's vitals all instantly improved. He was also acknowledging our son was there by making small head movements and sweet moans."

Haley, still recovering in bed, was wheeled from the operating room upstairs to be beside her husband. "I spent my recovery time gazing at my husband," she wrote.

"JB also loved children, and they adored him," his obituary reads.

"His compassion and love for children led him to comfort a 1-year-old boy undergoing cancer treatment at Memorial Sloane Kettering Hospital in New York City where he was also being treated," it continues. "He consoled the crying boy, reassuring him he was not alone."

Haley said that before she decided on an induced labor, the couple had not picked out a name for their baby. Now it was clear.

"I knew in my heart it was only right to honor my husband," Haley wrote. John Beeson "JB" Parke was born Dec. 2, three weeks early but perfectly healthy, "with fully developed lungs that let out the sweetest of cries."

JB, the infant's father, passed away "with our son on his chest and my hand in his hand," Haley wrote.

"JB was the epitome of a father, husband, son, brother, and friend," a GoFundMe page created last week reads. "The outpouring of love the Parke Family has received has been overwhelming."

JB is survived by Haley; their 18-month-old son, Brinton; newborn John Beeson Parke; as well has his parents, John and Lindsay Parke; his sister, Katherine Parke; and several other adoring family members and friends, according to his obituary.

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Gould settled in Connecticut and started as a bartender at Grant's in West Hartford. "I thought I'd be at Grant's for a summer. Ten years later, I was still there," he said.

He developed a loyal following. Erica Popick of West Hartford said whenever she and her companions dropped by Grant's, Gould remembered so much about them.

"We thought we were his favorite customers. He was just like that. He made everyone feel like they were his favorite customers," Popick said. "It was the way he paid attention and came back to check on you. We didn't know at the time he was a household name around here. Now, we wonder how many people were at their homes talking about Jay."

When Grant's closed in 2019, Gould started at Fleming's. His Grant's customers followed him there. "We wouldn't have gone to Flemings as much if Jay hadn't told us he was going there," Popick said.

Gould had applied to be a bartender at Flemings, but was instead hired to be a server — what CRA president Scott Dolch calls "the front lines of the experience of the guest.

"When you go eat at a restaurant, you don't usually see the owner or the GM unless there is problem. You talk to the hostess, and then your server is your experience, whether you have enjoyed it or not," Dolch said. "The best servers really understand and own that. They also highlight the other parts of the restaurant. They know it isn't all about them. There's the sous chef, the chef, the line cooks in the back."

Dolch said now more than ever, recognizing all members of the restaurant industry is important.

"We want to highlight all parts of our industry, not just the owners, not just the chefs," he said. "We don't want anyone to feel that they are being missed. We are putting everyone under one roof."

Gould tends to agree. His acceptance speech at the CRAzies was the shortest of the evening: "This is for Fleming's. Thank you everybody."

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came back alive once again Saturday as fans hungered for a taste of the old days before UConn faded into the quiet wilderness of the non-descript American Athletic Conference.

At Vaughan's Public House on Pratt Street, every seat was filled and the huge crowd made it difficult to move in the bar area.

Johnny Vaughan, the owner for the past 17 years, said the timing was perfect for a late Saturday afternoon as UConn alumni came back to see their friends one week before Christmas.

"It's well-needed for everyone downtown," Vaughan said over the noise of the crowd. "Everybody downtown has helped us — the mayor, the Connecticut Restaurant Association. It feels good. There's nice energy. It feels nice that we're back, and we're busy again."

The electric atmosphere against a regional rival like Providence spilled from inside the arena into the streets, even on a rainy day.

Dr. Kevin Braghirol of West Hartford, who graduated in 2014 before heading to medical school, recalled the earlier times with his wife, Nikki, who graduated in 2015.

"In my freshman and sophomore years, we used to camp out in front of Gampel to get tickets for Syracuse," Braghirol said. "I can't imagine doing that for Boise State."

David Jackson of Hebron has been following UConn for the past 40 years and enjoyed the outdoor atmosphere under a tent on Pratt Street. He remembers the old field house before Gampel Pavilion was constructed, and he remembers the glory days of the Big East — with superstar players like Patrick Ewing of Georgetown and Chris Mullin of St. John's, along with a long list of colorful coaches named Jim Calhoun, Jim Boeheim, Lou Carnesecca, Rollie Massimino and Rick Pitino.

With a sellout crowd, he was concerned that not enough fans would be wearing masks, and he feared that the potential spread of COVID-19 could short-circuit the season.

"It's Big East basketball. I don't want to lose it," said Jackson, who is retired from the Travelers insurance company. "Everyone should swallow their pride and wear their mask."

At a time when wearing masks was unthinkable, the Big East burst onto the national scene in 1985 with three powerhouses in the men's Final Four: Villanova, Georgetown and St. John's. Villanova won the national championship that year in a stunning upset over Georgetown and Ewing.

For years, some fans made annual trips for multiple days to Madison Square Garden in New York City for the Big East Tournament.

The original Big East largely crumbled with teams heading to other conferences and ending some of the storied, old-time rivalries that were often based on geography and animosity. Critics derided the AAC as Almost A Conference that lacked the pizzazz, personality and swashbuckling nature of the original Big East.

Former head coach Jim Calhoun attended the game, attracting some former players and colleagues who shook his hand before tipoff. He recalled the glory days between 1989 and 2012 when the team had superstars like Ray Allen.

"We miss this, obviously," Calhoun said in an interview. "I've seen people up in the third deck. It's great for the city. It's great for the state."

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Unit, as well as members of the New Britain police and the FBI New Haven Violent Crime Task Force.

"On several occasions in the past, Velez evaded attempts by several law enforcement agencies at taking him into custody, engaging officers in pursuits and further endangering the public," state police said in a statement. "During the morning hours, investigative efforts led to Velez's vehicle being located in the city of New Britain. Detectives observed Velez attempting to leave the area in his vehicle, striking two state police vehicles in the process. Velez immediately tried to flee the area on foot. Officers from New Britain police were on scene and assisted in taking Velez into custody without further incident. This operation was completed successfully and with no injuries."

The FBI was offering a reward up to $25,000 and had been asking for tips leading to Velez's arrest and conviction. The FBI warned that Velez should be considered armed and dangerous.

While Velez's most recent address had been unknown, officials said he had been a Connecticut resident in the past.

Velez was driven to state police Troop H in Hartford, where his bond was set at $2.5 million. State police said the investigation is continuing, and further charges are expected.

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WEEKLY MARKET RUNDOWN

DOW 35,365.44 -605.55 | **NASDAQ** 15,169.68 -460.92 | **S&P 500** 4,620.64 -91.38 | **10-YR T-NOTE** 1.40% -.09 | **30-YR T-BOND** 1.82% -.07 | **CRUDE OIL** $70.86 -.81 | **GOLD** $1,803.80 +20.90

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

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COMPANY	TICKER	52-WK LOW	52-WK HIGH	FRIDAY CLOSE	$CHG 1WK	%CHG 1WK	1MO	1QTR	%CHG YTD	%RTN 1YR	RANK %RTN 1YR	5YRS*	PE	YLD
AT&T Inc	T	22.02	33.88	**23.78**	**0.94**	4.1	▼	▼	-17.3	-14.9		-4.1	>99	8.7
Adv Micro Dev	AMD	72.50	164.46	**137.75**	**-0.80**	-0.6	▼	▲	50.2	43.2		67.0	49	...
Alphabet Inc C	GOOG	1699.00	3037.00	**2856.06**	**-117.44**	-3.9	▼	▲	63.0	64.3		29.7	28	...
Alphabet Inc A	GOOGL	1694.00	3019.33	**2834.50**	**-125.53**	-4.2	▼	▲	61.7	64.4		29.0	86	...
Amazon.com Inc	AMZN	2881.00	3773.08	**3400.35**	**-43.89**	-1.3	▼	▼	4.4	4.2		34.8	65	...
Amphenol Corp	APH	58.58	86.05	**82.48**	**-1.79**	-2.1	▼	▲	0.0	28.6		20.6	36	1.0
Apple Inc	AAPL	116.21	182.13	**171.14**	**-8.31**	-4.6	▲	▲	29.0	35.5		43.4	46	0.5
Avangrid Inc	AGR	44.02	55.57	**47.91**	**-0.30**	-0.6	▼	▼	5.4	11.0		8.7	23	3.7
Bank of America	BAC	28.14	48.69	**43.88**	**-0.64**	-1.4	▼	▲	44.8	59.4		16.2	13	1.9
Barnes Group	B	39.84	57.64	**45.14**	**-0.96**	-2.1	▼	▲	-10.9	-10.1		-0.4	26	1.4
Booking Holdings	BKNG	1860.73	2687.29	**2210.46**	**-25.90**	-1.2	▼	▼	-0.8	3.2		7.8	>99	...
Brist Myr Sqb	BMY	53.22	69.75	**61.56**	**5.20**	9.2	▲	▲	-0.8	2.9		3.8	...	3.5
CVS Health Corp	CVS	67.06	102.22	**100.36**	**1.50**	1.5	▲	▲	46.9	48.9		6.9	18	2.2
Carrier Global Corp	CARR	34.21	58.89	**52.26**	**-3.25**	-5.9	▼	▼	38.5	43.0		0.0	...	0.9
Charter Communic	CHTR	585.45	825.62	**650.00**	**39.11**	6.4	▼	▼	-1.7	-1.7		17.0	37	...
Cigna Corp	CI	190.88	272.81	**219.62**	**4.68**	2.2	▲	▲	5.5	10.0		10.3	10	1.8
CocaCola Co	KO	48.11	58.88	**57.73**	**1.45**	2.6	▲	▲	5.3	13.7		9.8	31	2.9
Comcast Corp A	CMCSA	46.29	61.80	**48.75**	**0.30**	0.6	▼	▼	-7.0	-3.1		8.7	23	2.1
Disney	DIS	142.04	203.02	**148.76**	**-3.95**	-2.6	▼	▼	-17.9	-14.1		8.2	...	...
DuPont de Nemours	DD	65.75	87.27	**76.51**	**-3.53**	-4.4	▼	▲	7.6	16.9		2.6	8	1.6
EMCOR Group Inc	EME	87.36	135.98	**121.50**	**-4.59**	-3.6	▼	▲	32.8	37.4		11.8	21	0.3
Energy Transfer L.P.	ET	6.03	11.55	**8.35**	**-0.13**	-1.5	▼	▼	35.1	32.5		-5.0	6	7.3
Ethan Allen	ETD	18.55	32.15	**24.99**	**0.08**	0.3	▲	▲	23.7	50.2		-2.5	21	4.6
Eversource Energy	ES	76.64	92.66	**89.40**	**2.12**	2.4	▲	▲	3.3	9.2		13.1	26	2.7
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	40.53	66.38	**60.03**	**-2.98**	-4.7	▼	▲	45.6	48.4		-3.1	...	5.9
Ford Motor	F	8.43	21.49	**19.77**	**-1.68**	-7.8	▲	▲	124.9	126.2		12.3	23	2.0
Freeport McMoRan	FCX	23.77	46.10	**38.00**	**-0.37**	-1.0	▼	▲	46.0	57.9		23.0	14	0.8
FuelCell Energy	FCEL	5.34	29.44	**6.31**	**-0.62**	-8.9	▼	▼	-43.5	-25.8		-23.2	...	...
Gen Dynamics	GD	144.50	210.21	**202.20**	**-2.73**	-1.3	▲	▲	35.9	37.5		5.3	18	2.4
Gen Electric	GE	82.88	116.17	**91.45**	**-5.50**	-5.7	▼	▼	6.1	6.2		-15.5	...	0.3
Hartford Fn Sv	HIG	44.97	78.17	**67.70**	**-0.45**	-0.7	▼	▼	38.2	52.4		9.5	11	2.3
Honeywell Intl	HON	193.42	236.86	**205.17**	**-4.64**	-2.2	▼	▼	-3.5	1.5		15.2	29	1.9
Horizon Tech Fin	HRZN	12.23	19.08	**15.99**	**-0.34**	-2.1	▼	▼	20.8	33.4		15.0	11	7.5
Infosys Ltd	INFY	15.48	24.50	**24.04**	**0.85**	3.7	▲	▲	41.8	56.5		28.1	37	...
Inovio Pharmaceut	INO	5.59	19.00	**6.50**	**0.46**	7.6	▼	▼	-26.6	-42.6		-2.9	...	...
Intel Corp	INTC	45.24	68.49	**50.62**	**0.03**	0.1	▲	▼	1.6	2.2		9.5	10	2.7

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Kaman	KAMN	33.93	59.80	**41.67**	**0.49**	1.2	▲	▲	-2
Lincoln Natl Corp	LNC	44.59	77.57	**65.76**	**-1.71**	-2.5	▼	▼	1
MGM Resorts Intl	MGM	27.81	51.17	**42.28**	**0.87**	2.1	▼	▲	1
Magellan Health Inc	MGLN	77.55	99.36	**94.45**	**-0.02**	0.0	▼	▼	1
Meta Platforms Inc	FB	244.61	384.33	**333.79**	**4.04**	1.2	▼	▼	2
MetLife Inc	MET	44.62	67.68	**60.25**	**-0.38**	-0.6	▼	▼	2
Micron Tech	MU	65.67	96.96	**83.00**	**-2.54**	-3.0	▬	▲	1
Microsoft Corp	MSFT	211.94	349.67	**323.80**	**-18.74**	-5.5	▼	▲	4
Novartis AG	NVS	79.34	98.52	**85.90**	**5.23**	6.5	▲	▲	
Nvidia Corporation	NVDA	115.67	346.47	**278.01**	**-23.97**	-7.9	▼	▲	11
Otis Worldwide Corp	OTIS	61.28	92.84	**84.16**	**-1.92**	-2.2	▼	▼	2
Peoples Utd Fncl	PBCT	12.56	19.62	**16.77**	**-0.87**	-4.9	▼	▲	2
Pfizer Inc	PFE	33.36	61.43	**59.48**	**6.70**	12.7	▲	▲	6
Pitney Bowes	PBI	5.18	15.50	**6.81**	**0.11**	1.6	▼	▼	1
Prudential Fncl	PRU	74.58	115.52	**105.38**	**-1.66**	-1.6	▬	▲	1
Pub Svc Ent Gp	PEG	53.77	66.30	**64.09**	**0.29**	0.5	▲	▲	
Raytheon Technolog	RTX	65.02	92.32	**82.28**	**-3.88**	-4.5	▼	▼	1
Rogers Corp	ROG	146.02	273.00	**269.00**	**-2.48**	-0.9	▼	▲	1
SS&C Technlogies	SSNC	62.51	80.99	**79.96**	**1.86**	2.4	▼	▲	
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	SIRI	5.75	8.14	**6.38**	**0.10**	1.6	▲	▲	
Snap Inc A	SNAP	44.07	83.34	**45.29**	**-5.53**	-10.9	▼	▼	
Stanley Black & Deck	SWK	167.66	225.00	**183.70**	**-10.86**	-5.6	▼	▼	
Terex Corp	TEX	33.88	55.60	**42.02**	**-2.97**	-6.6	▼	▼	2
Tesla Inc	TSLA	539.49	1243.49	**932.57**	**-84.46**	-8.3	▼	▲	1
Travelers Cos	TRV	133.12	163.29	**158.19**	**3.94**	2.6	▲	▲	1
Uber Technologies	UBER	34.88	64.05	**39.68**	**3.01**	8.2	▼	▼	-2
Unitedhealth Group	UNH	320.35	496.96	**487.12**	**8.89**	1.9	▲	▲	1
Virtus Invest	VRTS	200.94	338.80	**289.73**	**-4.01**	-1.4	▼	▼	1
Voya Financial	VOYA	54.46	70.98	**62.79**	**-0.44**	-0.7	▼	▲	
Webster Financial	WBS	40.92	63.81	**52.41**	**-1.94**	-3.6	▼	▲	2
White Mtns Insur	WTM	960.00	1267.52	**1014.04**	**3.79**	0.4	▼	▼	
World Wrestling Ent	WWE	44.20	70.72	**48.16**	**-0.84**	-1.7	▼	▼	
XPO Logistics Inc	XPO	63.29	90.78	**71.34**	**-4.38**	-5.8	▼	▼	
Xerox Holdings Corp	XRX	17.59	26.96	**20.51**	**-0.64**	-3.0	▲	▼	-1
Yamana Gold Inc	AUY	3.70	6.16	**4.01**	**0.09**	2.3	▼	▼	-1

Notes on data: Total returns, shown for periods 1-year or greater, include dividend income and change in market price. Three-year and five-year returns annualized. Three year return shown for stocks trading less than five years (indicated by "a"). Elli
Price-earnings ratio unavailable for closed-end funds and companies with net losses over prior four quarters. Rank classifies a stock's performance relative to all U.S.-listed shares, from top 20 percent (□□□■) to bottom 20 percent (■□□□).

INTEREST RATES

Money market mutual funds	YIELD	MIN INVEST	PHONE
Taxable—national avg	0.01		
T Rowe Price US Treas MF/Inv	0.07	$ 2,500 min	(800) 638-5660
Tax-exempt—national avg	0.02		
T Rowe Price Tax-Exempt MF/Inv	0.43	$ 2,500 min	(800) 638-5660

CONSUMER RATES	NAT'L AVG	WK AGO		NAT'L AVG	WK AGO
48 month new car loan	3.57	3.59	Money market account	0.07	0.07
60 month new car loan	3.69	3.69	1 year CD	0.28	0.28
$30K Home equity loan	6.46	6.46	3 year CD	0.34	0.34
30 year fixed mortgage	3.24	3.25	5 year CD	0.43	0.42
15 year fixed mortgage	2.52	2.53	Savings interest	0.23	0.23

TREASURYS	FRIDAY YIELD	CHANGE 1WK	1MO	3MO	1YR	52-WEEK HIGH	LOW
3-month T-Bill	0.05	-0.01	▬	▲	-0.04	0.11	0.01
6-month T-Bill	0.13	0.00	▲	▲	0.05	0.15	0.02
52-week T-Bill	0.25	-0.01	▲	▲	0.16	0.30	0.04
2-year T-Note	0.66	-0.01	▲	▲	0.53	0.70	0.09
5-year T-Note	1.18	-0.07	▼	▲	0.81	1.34	0.36
7-year T-Note	1.34	-0.08	▼	▲	0.70	1.58	0.63
10-year T-Note	1.40	-0.09	▼	▲	0.49	1.74	0.88
30-year T-Bond	1.82	-0.07	▼	▼	0.15	2.48	1.63

Money fund data provided by iMoneyNet Inc.

DOW 30

	COMPANY	TICKER	FRIDAY CLOSE	$CHG 1WK	PCT CHANGE 1WK	1MO	1YR
1.	Goldman Sachs Grp	GS	381.80	-9.26	-2.4	-1.4	**63.5**
2.	Microsoft Corp	MSFT	323.80	-18.74	-5.5	-5.6	**57.4**
3.	Home Depot	HD	387.98	-27.42	-6.6	-5.1	**54.6**
4.	Unitedhealth Group	UNH	487.12	8.89	1.9	10.7	**47.2**
5.	Apple Inc	AAPL	171.14	-8.31	-4.6	6.6	**40.9**
6.	Amer Express	AXP	160.01	-7.02	-4.2	-7.8	**37.7**
7.	Cisco Syst	CSCO	60.46	1.21	2.0	13.5	**37.3**
8.	Chevron Corp	CVX	113.60	-4.74	-4.0	1.5	**35.3**
9.	JPMorgan Chase	JPM	156.76	-3.06	-1.9	-2.6	**34.3**
10.	McDonalds Corp	MCD	261.70	-3.27	-1.2	3.9	**25.6**
11.	Walgreen Boots Alli	WBA	48.85	-0.65	-1.3	4.0	**24.7**
12.	Procter & Gamble	PG	157.46	2.00	1.3	7.2	**18.7**
13.	Nike Inc B	NKE	161.36	-7.70	-4.6	-7.7	**18.4**
14.	Salesforce.com Inc	CRM	252.93	-13.10	-4.9	-16.0	**18.1**
15.	Travelers Cos	TRV	158.19	3.94	2.6	3.7	**17.9**
	Dow Jones industrial average		35365.44	-605.55	-1.7	-0.7	**+17.2**
16.	Johnson & Johnson	JNJ	168.23	2.74	1.7	4.0	**16.4**
17.	Caterpillar Inc	CAT	201.37	-2.09	-1.0	0.5	**13.8**
18.	CocaCola Co	KO	57.73	1.45	2.6	4.7	**11.0**
19.	IBM	IBM	127.40	3.31	2.7	9.8	**7.8**
20.	Dow Inc	DOW	54.10	-0.58	-1.1	-5.7	**5.0**
21.	3M Company	MMM	174.75	-2.35	-1.3	-2.5	**4.0**
22.	Intel Corp	INTC	50.62	0.03	0.1	2.2	**2.8**
23.	Visa Inc	V	211.88	-1.52	-0.7	5.5	**2.5**
24.	WalMart Strs	WMT	138.75	-2.28	-1.6	-2.6	**1.6**
25.	Merck & Co	MRK	75.69	3.07	4.2	-6.2	**1.6**
26.	Honeywell Intl	HON	205.17	-4.64	-2.2	-6.1	**-0.3**
27.	Amgen	AMGN	222.50	11.61	5.5	8.0	**-1.8**
28.	Verizon Comm	VZ	53.17	2.98	5.9	4.5	**-12.4**
29.	Disney	DIS	148.76	-3.95	-2.6	-3.4	**-13.5**
30.	Boeing Co	BA	192.63	-12.43	-6.1	-10.0	**-14.9**

30 BIGGEST FU NDS

FUND	ASSETS (in billions)	TICKER
Vanguard 500 Index Admiral	**$435**	VFIAX
Vanguard Total Stock Instl	**329**	VTSAX
Vanguard Total Intl Stock Idx	**192**	VGTSX
Vanguard Instl Index Plus	**169**	VIIIX
American Growth Fd of America	**145**	AGTHX
Vanguard Total Stock Index	**131**	VTSMX
Fidelity Contrafund	**128**	FCNTX
Vanguard Instutional Index	**125**	VINIX
American Balanced	**102**	ABALX
Dodge & Cox Stock	**91**	DODGX
American Income Fd of America	**81**	AMECX
American Investment Co. Amer	**78**	AIVSX
American Washington Mutual	**74**	AWSHX
American Fundamental Investor	**67**	ANCFX
American New Perspective	**67**	ANWPX
American Capital Income Bldr	**65**	CAIBX
American CapWorld Growth/Inc	**60**	CWGIX
PIMCO Total Return Instl	**57**	PTTRX
Fidelity Growth Company	**53**	FDGRX
Fidelity Blue Chip Growth	**52**	FBGRX
Vanguard Windsor II Admiral	**45**	VWNAX
American AMCAP	**43**	AMCPX
Dodge & Cox International Stock	**42**	DODFX
Fidelity Balanced	**37**	FBALX
American SmallCap World	**37**	SMCWX
FrankTemp Income	**35**	FKINX
Fidelity Magellan	**31**	FMAGX
American Bond Fund of America	**30**	ABNDX
Fidelity Puritan	**28**	FPURX
T. Rowe Price Growth Stock	**27**	PRGFX

* – annualized. NA - not available.

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Another year, another plea to fix property taxes

Liberal group wants to change system it says stymies growth, feeds poverty

By Keith M. Phaneuf
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With Connecticut's coffers swollen to their largest point in decades, a progressive group featuring several current and former government officials challenged Gov. Ned Lamont and the legislature to overhaul a property tax system they say traps hundreds of thousands of residents in poverty, stymies economic growth, undermines schools and discourages regional collaboration.

The report from 1,000 Friends of Connecticut recommends pumping hundreds of millions of additional dollars annually into cities and towns — particularly poor communities — while creating a new system of refundable credits within the state income tax system to help low- and middle-income households cover their property tax bills.

But the cost of implementing all, or even some, of the friends group's recommendations would almost certainly require significant state tax increases to balance the books. This would likely trigger opposition not only from minority Republicans in the state legislature, but also from moderate Democrats and the governor.

The property tax, which represents more than 40% of the combined state-and-municipal tax burden in Connecticut, is leading the state down a path "of widely disparate educational opportunity, fractured and inefficient delivery of needed services, hollowed out cities, widening racial and economic disparities, sprawling suburbs, fleeing businesses and an out-migration of the next generation of talent," the friends group wrote.

Formed in the mid-2000s as a smart growth advocacy panel, the friends group has focused increasingly on progressive fiscal policy. Its 15-member Property Tax Working Group, which crafted the report, includes former state legislators, municipal officials and executive branch officials, labor leaders, academics, regional government directors, experts in finances and economics, and journalists.

The coalition asserts the property tax is dangerous and inherently unfair for two reasons.

One is "vertical inequity." Within a given municipality, property owners — rich, middle class and poor — all are taxed at the same rate.

A 2014 report prepared for the state Department of Revenue Services showed the poorest half of all residents in the state effectively paid about 12.5% of all of their earnings on property taxes. The other half paid between 7.7% and 0.9%.

And while that regressive element is present in all communities, there's a second problem that does change from municipal border to border. There's a huge variation in property tax rates across Connecticut, with the poorest communities having the highest rates and the wealthiest generally enjoying the lowest — a problem referred to as "horizontal inequity."

Hartford's commercial property tax rate is about 74 mills — double that of Simsbury, an affluent suburb about 40 minutes to the west.

Because of these two inequities, wealthier communities find it relatively easy to raise tax revenues to operate high-quality schools and provide all other services to meet local needs. Poorer communities rely on a combination of property tax receipts and state aid that doesn't meet all local needs — and still leave tax rates so high businesses often won't locate there.

"Connecticut ... punishes itself through the property tax, which undermines the principal driver of the economy: aggregate demand," wrote University of Connecticut economist Fred V. Carstensen, another member of the friends group.

But property taxes go back centuries in the Northeast, and Connecticut has remained more reliant upon them than most other states.

Connecticut's property tax burden is third-highest among all states in the nation as a percentage of all state and local revenue.

Ramping up municipal aid and tax relief

To break Connecticut's reliance on this source of funding, the friends' group offered several options.

One involves dramatically increasing — and re-distributing — aid to cities and towns.

The state exempts its own property, and that of nonprofit colleges and hospitals, from local taxation. Yet it only reimburses communities for a portion of the taxes they lose.

Fixing this problem alone would cost the state nearly $400 million per year.

Similarly, Connecticut does not fully fund special education costs born by local school districts, and many years the state doesn't even cover the amount stipulated by law. Simply meeting that pledge would cost another $60 million annually.

The friends group also recommended that Lamont and legislators revise formulas and other methodologies that determine how aid is distributed, placing much more emphasis on local need and wealth.

At the same time, the group urged policymakers to re-design a state income tax credit that's intended to help working families handle their property tax burdens — but has been slipping in recent years.

The state created a credit against a portion of property taxes paid in the mid-1990s and generally increased it for the first decade-and-a-half. But the program that distributed $380 million in 2010 via $500 credits has been so whittled down it now sends back only about $63 million — in the form of $200 credits.

Households without children stopped being eligible to receive credits in 2018, and Lamont hasn't fulfilled a 2018 campaign pledge to bolster the program.

The friends group not only urged lawmakers to pump these credits back up but also to make them refundable.

A credit has no value for a resident who earns too little to pay income taxes, since tax liability can't be reduced below $0. But a refundable credit must be paid, in the form of a refund, even if a taxpayer's liability has been reduced to nothing.

Money is there for reforms now

Now is the time to act, the report urges, since the state's coffers are swelling.

Due largely to a surging stock market and conservative savings programs over the past three years, the state has amassed a record budget reserve of $3.1 billion — equal to 15% of annual operating costs.

And because the reserve cannot exceed 15% by law, Lamont and the legislature also have directed almost $1.7 billion in additional surplus dollars to reduce state pension debt — a long-term problem expected to challenge state budgets for at least two decades to come.

But the friends group says Connecticut should share one-quarter of any of these "surplus-surpluses" — extra dollars that can't be saved because the reserve is full — with cities and towns.

Lyle Wray, executive director of the Capitol Region Council of Governments and a member of the group, said the property tax poses as many fiscal challenges to towns as pension debt does to the state.

Municipal grand lists — the value of taxable property — are growing, on average by one-half of 1% annually while labor, utility, and other costs facing towns jump as much as 5%.

"We have a horrible combination of high cost [and] low growth," he said.

But group members also conceded that to fund the solutions they've proposed, state government would lose hundreds of millions of dollars, possibly more than $1 billion, annually.

"What we have done is to propose a menu of reforms," said former Norwalk Mayor Alex Knopp. "We are not suggesting that all of that could be done together and at once."

While the report doesn't recommend how the state should raise the money to pay for these costs, members acknowledged Lamont and legislators likely couldn't avoid major state tax hikes to keep the books in balance.

But John Filchak, longtime executive director of the Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments and another member of the friends group, said making these investments to drive down property tax rates would pay economic dividends over time. The alternative is to watch many communities continue to stagnate and slump.

"Re-arranging the lifeboats isn't going to get it done," he said. "If people truly want to acknowledge the need for property tax reform, then it's going to take a comprehensive approach. There's no easy solution."

Many challenges likely against proposals

There almost certainly will be political opposition to these proposals — especially in 2022, as Lamont and the legislature enter a state election year.

The governor has said repeatedly that he wants to avoid major tax hikes as Connecticut's economy recovers from the coronavirus pandemic. And while tax relief can be discussed, major spending increases in the state budget are a problem.

"Gov. Lamont stated last week that he is exploring ways to alleviate the local property tax burden on Connecticut's residents and businesses as the state maintains its strong fiscal position," said Chris McClure, spokesman for Lamont's budget office. "He has said from the very beginning of his time in office that he will listen to ideas, but they have to be realistic, practical, and the numbers have to add up."

House Minority Leader Vincent J. Candelora, R-North Branford, said he expects the GOP would have huge problems with portions of the friends group's report.

"These kind of conversations are completely tone-deaf to the world around us right now," he said, adding that lawmakers have their hands full simply mitigating the damage the pandemic has done to Connecticut's health care and education systems.

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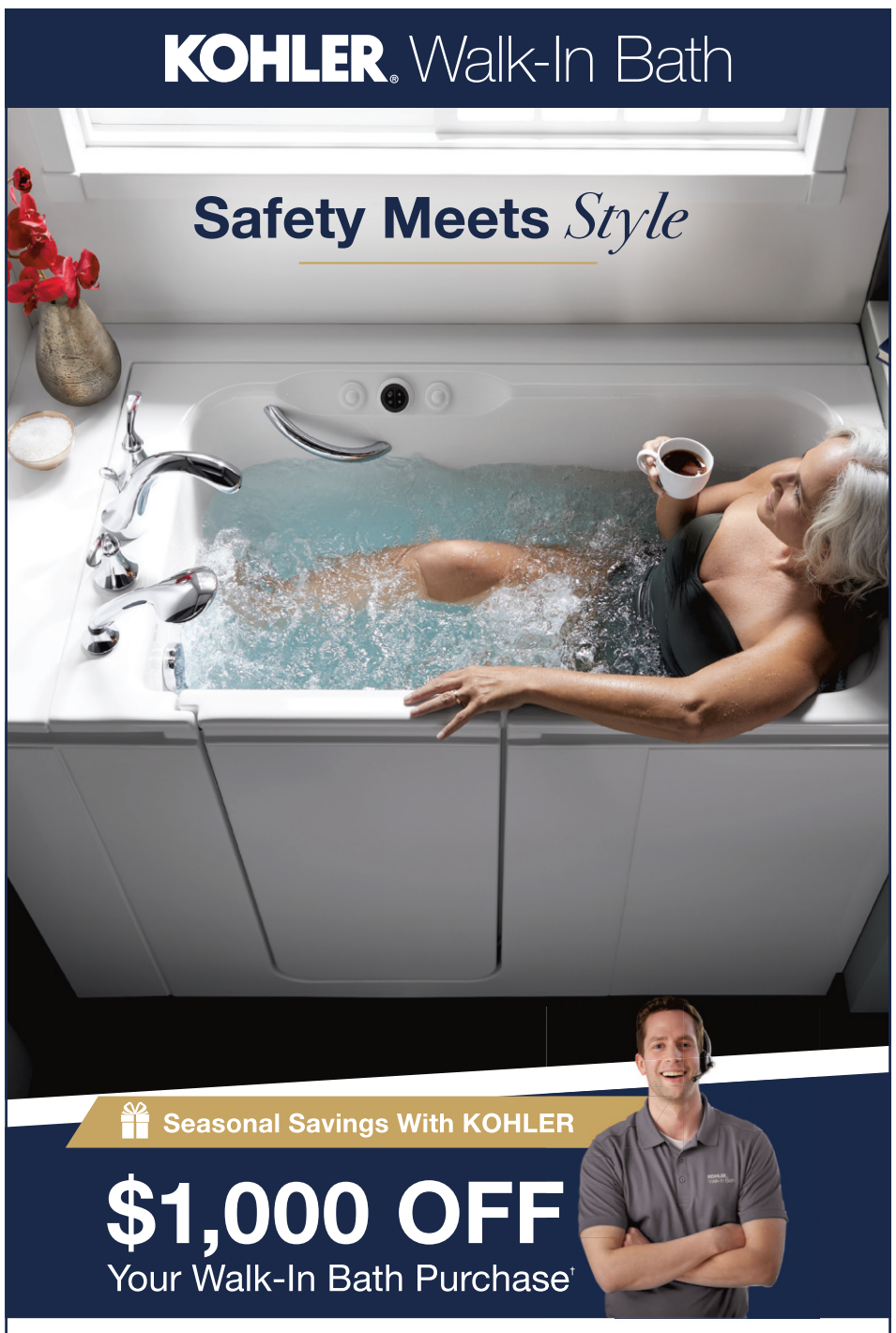

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Year-end money moves for 2021

It's time for my annual year-end money move column. While I have written about this topic previously, some of it bears repeating.

Additionally, there are some new aspects to the planning process due to various government efforts amid COVID.

Think about 2021 taxes now: You can kiss those IRS tax filing extensions goodbye. In 2022, we will return to the April 15 deadline, which means now is the perfect time to determine where you stand. Use the IRS's withholding estimator to see if you have had enough money set aside to pay your tax bill in April. If not, notify your payroll department to increase your withholding through the end of the year. If you are not working or are self-employed, you may want to make an estimated tax payment to reduce or eliminate potential tax penalties.

Keep these end-of-year documents: Letter 6419, 2021 Total Advance Child Tax Credit Payments, to reconcile advance child tax credit payments; Letter 6475, Your 2021 Economic Impact Payment, to determine eligibility to claim the recovery rebate credit; and Form 1095-A, Health Insurance Marketplace Statement, to reconcile advance premium tax credits for Marketplace coverage.

Calculate remote work tax implications: For a second year, there will be a tax headache for those who moved outside of their cities or states of residence. You will need to compile the number of days worked in any states, cities, counties, municipalities, school districts or other jurisdictions where you've worked remotely in 2021. Then check your primary state's rules about other jurisdictions and make the needed adjustments to tax withholding.

Be careful with the home office deduction: The 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act eliminated the employee business expense deduction through Dec. 31, 2025. However, if you are self-employed, then the home office deduction is still available. To qualify, there must be exclusive use of a portion of the home for conducting business on a regular basis and the home/apartment must be the taxpayer's principal place of business.

Evaluate outstanding student loans: Federal student loan forbearance concludes Jan. 31, 2022. To prepare, go to https://studentaid.gov/announcements-events/covid-19. There, you will be able to update your contact information, review a loan simulator to find a repayment plan that's best for you, and consider an income-driven repayment (IDR) plan, which could make your payments more affordable, but also may add time to the loan.

Consider a Roth conversion: If you had lower income in 2021, it may be time to convert from a traditional IRA into a Roth, because your tax liability could be lower today than in the future. The conversion amount adds to your taxable income, so pay attention to IRS tax brackets. Next, make sure you have non-retirement funds available to pay the tax due. Once you convert to a Roth, your money will grow tax-free and when you retire and withdraw the money, there will be no tax due. Because Roth plans are not subject to Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs), many use them to help control future taxation of Social Security benefits and/or increased costs of Medicare, which are income tested.

About those RMDs: The one-year respite from taking RMDs is over. That means you need to take your RMD from retirement accounts before the end of the calendar year or else you will pay a whopping penalty.

Slash your tax bill with Uncle Sam's help: The best way to reduce your tax liability is to maximize your pretax retirement plan contributions before the end of the year. Most employer plans allow you to increase your contributions, but be sure to readjust after the new year.

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Reach your most ambitious goals

You must keep these 4 relationships from becoming obstacles in your work or life

By Minda Zetlin | Inc.

If you want to reach your biggest goals in the coming year, start with a mental readjustment in four key areas: your relationships with other people, your relationship with your circumstances, your relationship with time, and your relationship with yourself. That advice comes from Wendy Capland, executive coach to such companies as IBM and Bank of America. Capland is the author of the bestselling book "Your Next Bold Move," and she's also my coach. For the past few years, she's been coaching me and I've been writing about it.

Capland says that when people are blocked from reaching for their goals, or even setting big goals in the first place, one or more of these relationships is almost always the reason. "These are the four things that show up most often, that stop you from dreaming, that stop you from thinking that something is or is not possible for you. They can just stop you in your tracks."

How can you keep these relationships from becoming obstacles in your work or life? Here's Capland's advice.

1. Rethink your relationships with others.

"The problem could be your relationship with your boss, and how they perceive you and how they treat you," she says. For example, when Capland once asked her boss for a raise, she was told that she already had the maximum salary for her position — she couldn't possibly be paid any more. "Then she left, another boss came in, and she said, 'Oh, we'll just give you a promotion. That'll do it.' "

If a relationship like the one Capland had with the first boss is blocking you from reaching your goals, you can work on changing that person's perceptions, making sure your boss, customer or co-worker knows just what you can do and how much your work can benefit them. That may help your boss or customer rethink the relationship and see you in a new way.

If not, it may be time for you to rethink the relationship and whether it's time to move on to another one. Whatever you do, if someone in your life or work has a limiting view of you or your abilities, don't let that limiting view bleed into your own view of yourself.

2. Rethink your relationship with your circumstances.

Sometimes your external circumstances may prevent you from going after your goals. "For example, if for some reason, you really need to quit the job you have in order to go after the career you really want, and your circumstances are that you just can't afford to do that," Capland says.

You may not be able to do anything about that, she says. But, then again, maybe you can. "You may be letting your circumstances control you when you don't need to. For example, a lot of people are blaming things on the pandemic. And that may be true. But it may also be a really good excuse."

Only you can determine whether you truly are bound by your circumstances. Ask yourself some what-if questions. What if this circumstance could be changed in this way? What if you could ask someone for help with part of it? What if there is a way to turn this circumstance to your advantage?

3. Rethink your relationship with time.

"I cannot tell you how often I hear, 'I just don't have the time,' " Capland says. "But if I told you that you needed to drop everything right now and go to the hospital because someone you love had a terrible accident, you can be damn sure you would do it. People just use the excuse, 'I'm too busy. I don't have the time.' If you want something, you have to reprioritize what you're doing so you have time for it."

If you can't find the time for something that you truly care about, you should reexamine your priorities, Capland says. Figure out if any of the things you spend time on could be reduced or eliminated. And make a date with yourself — write it in your calendar — to set aside time for whatever it is you want to make sure to do.

4. Rethink your relationship with yourself.

Your own beliefs could be stopping you from reaching your biggest goals, Capland says. A limiting view of your own capabilities could rob you of the success you deserve. "Our beliefs create our thoughts, create our actions, create our results. You can look at everything you have around you and in your life, and you can tie all of it back to some belief you have."

If your beliefs are holding you back, how do you change that? How do you change your relationship to yourself? "If you could have done it by yourself, you would have," Capland says. "So you need outside help. Get yourself a counselor, a coach, a trainer, a mentor — someone who can help you see what you cannot see yourself, someone you're willing to listen to." This could be a formal arrangement, like coaching, or it could be a more informal arrangement with a friend or work mentor who helps you see what you're able to achieve. A peer group or mastermind group to support your career can also be an extremely effective way to challenge your own limited view of what you can achieve.

Changing how we see our circumstances, how we prioritize our time, our relationships with others and, most important, with ourselves — rethinking all these areas can help move you forward in your career. It can take you places you never might have imagined. Will you give it a try?

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A great guide about money for single women

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For decades, I have taught personal finance courses at several colleges, including for almost 20 years at the New School for Social Research in New York. Most of the students were women; many were single, and many were divorced or widowed.

I learned as much from them as they learned from me. I gained a better understanding of why women, especially single women, continue to have many disadvantages in the U.S. and why it is important for them to recognize these disadvantages and take steps to overcome them.

I recently read "Single Women and Money: How to Live Well on Your Income" by journalist Margaret Price and financial planner Jill Gianola (Rowman & Littlefield). I found the book well-written and comprehensive. It will help single women understand and overcome the disadvantages they face.

It is important for women who haven't established a career and who are unhappy in their marriages to understand the regulations pertaining to divorce. If your marriage lasts at least 10 years, you will be able to get important spousal and/or survivor benefits. If your ex has reached retirement age, you will be entitled to significant spousal benefits as long as you are single, your divorce was 2 or more years ago, and you have reached retirement age. You also would be entitled to survivor benefits even if you remarry after the age of 60. Even if your ex has remarried, you are entitled to these benefits, and these benefits will not affect him or his new spouse. I have found that many women do not understand these regulations and as a result have lost many thousands of dollars in benefits.

This is but one example of the information contained in the book that will help you. The book covers important issues, such as handling debt, smart investing, safeguarding assets, tax issues, preparing for retirement, maximizing Social Security benefits, making money last, and estate and elder planning.

The book contains many references to resources specifically for women. For example, Savvy Ladies (savvyladies.org) has a great deal of free information for women and sponsors webinars. It offers a helpline, budgeting advice, an online debt course and many worthwhile articles. (Many of my articles have been made available through Savvy Ladies.)

It also offers a one-time free conversation with a volunteer financial expert. Their webinars cover a wide range of topics, including student loans, family finances, child issues and divorce. Based on your income, you may be provided sources for free tax preparation.

Other informative websites referenced include the Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement (wiserwomen.org), the Women's Institute for financial Education (WIFE.org), the Women's Law Center (nwlc.org) and several others.

"Single Women and Money" provides sound advice to different categories of women, such as women who never married, women who are divorced and women who are widowed. In the section pertaining to widows, for example, the authors make a good point about applying for survivor benefits. Social Security regulations are complex, and it is important to get sound advice from someone with expertise in this area. Widows should not depend on advice from Social Security Administration representatives in this area. It is also important to get sound advice regarding investing in retirement accounts and establishing a sound plan for withdrawing assets from them. The use of a knowledgeable fee-only financial planner would be a wise investment in these areas, even if only on a one-time basis.

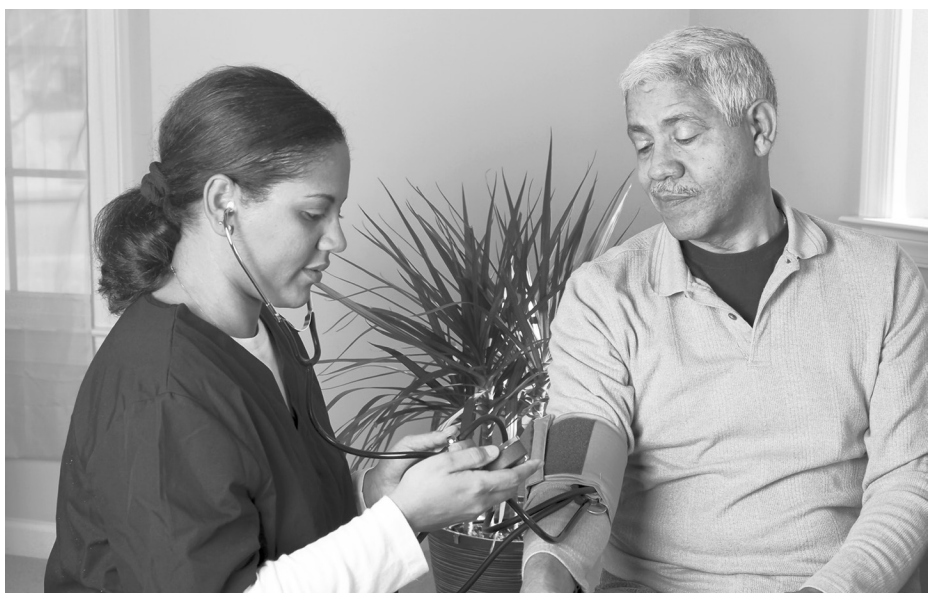
This book should be valuable for a wide variety of single women, women who have never married, those who are divorced, and widows who are confronted with financial issues they have never faced before.

Elliot Raphaelson welcomes your questions and comments at raphelliot@gmail.com.

RETIREMENT

Getting help from a home care agency

By Catherine Siskos
Kiplinger's Personal Finance



DREAMSTIME

Being a caregiver is a difficult job. If a caregiver you know can use some relief with the help of a nonmedical home care service, here are steps you'll want to take.

Start early. The pandemic and a shifting job market have made it harder to find home health aides. Plus, "the first person you hire may not be the best fit, and the first schedule you create may not be what you need long term," says Christina Irving, client services director at the Family Caregiver Alliance.

Ask questions. The agency is responsible for conducting background checks on the aides. Ask what it checks. You need to be able to trust this person around your home. Because caregiving is physically demanding work that can sometimes injure the caregiver, make sure the agency is licensed, bonded and insured. You should also check with your own insurer if you need to make changes to your home or auto coverage. For example, most aides have their own cars to drive your loved one around. But if an aide will be using your vehicle, you will need to add them to your policy.

Sell the idea. The person needing the care may claim they don't need an aide. Tell them it's to help the caregiver, or have a doctor, care manager or some other authoritative figure say that an aide is necessary, says Connie McKenzie, president of the Aging Life Care Association.

Emphasize that the help doesn't have to be permanent, or call the aide a housekeeper, Irving says. That way, "it's not about the individual not being independent but to help the household."

Find the right person. Consider aide characteristics, like gender, that might make an outsider more acceptable to the person needing care. Look for someone who shares some of the same hobbies. Irving had a client whose mom liked playing a particular card game, so they found an aide who knew the game and could play it with the mother.

Be on hand the first few sessions. "You want to observe them and make sure they are taught any specific care needs that are unique to the individual being cared for," Irving says. After that initial training, the family member can come in and out.

Don't be present for an entire shift, she says, because "the person needing care may continue to rely on the caregiver and not turn to the home provider for help."

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Terry Savage
The Savage Truth

The ravages of inflation

Inflation is very simply the debasement of the currency. At first it's barely noticeable — and is often welcomed as a sign of growth and prosperity. But as with kudzu, the relentless invasive vine, the devastation takes a while to reveal.

With kudzu, at first your trees and bushes look green and healthy, but the vine slowly squeezes its host plants to death. Same thing with inflation.

Inflation results when too much new money is created. At first, that creates the feeling of a surge of prosperity, as we saw with the stimulus payments and business bailouts of last winter. But suddenly, with more money chasing fewer goods (think supply chain problems) prices start to rise. The buying power of those dollars declines. You need more money to purchase the same goods. That is inflation in action.

And that declining buying power quickly is recognized — even without monthly statistics about rising consumer prices. You don't have to be an economist to realize that your dollar doesn't go as far, that your food costs are going up, that it costs more to fill up your gas tank.

But that's just the tip of the iceberg. As all things cost more, workers demand higher wages to compensate. That's happening now and will continue into the future. Many labor contracts and payments, including Social Security, are tied to the inflation rate. So higher inflation gets embedded into the economy.

Few remember the inflation of the 1970s — not many under age 70 today personally experienced its financial ravages. But it is now more than likely we will feel the impact on our lives and finances. It's worth remembering the experience of the past. It starts with a simple question: Why would any government or central bank not only tolerate, but encourage the money printing that leads to inflation?

Creating new money allows the illusion of prosperity — for a while. That tempts every government from time to time. In the 1970s, our government "printed" excess money to offset the twin costs of fighting a war in Vietnam and the rising cost of oil caused by the OPEC oil embargo.

Creating more dollars helped us "afford" to pay for all those expenses, making voters feel better. At first.

Then in the late 1970s, inflation soared as Americans realized all these new dollars were worth less and purchased less. Ordinary people ran from the rapidly value-losing dollar. Some bought commodities, farmland and gold to get rid of dollars. Higher interest rates were a free-market "bribe" to get people to leave money in the bank or buy government debt. Treasury bills yielded more than 15% by early 1980.

Today, we have a similar situation. The government has "created" trillions in new money, handed out to businesses, individuals — and fraudsters. That action did shorten last year's recession and triggered a rebound in economic growth. But the initial illusion of prosperity is being replaced with the realities of the underlying impact.

And there is one big difference between the inflation of the 1970s and today. Back then, it was easier for people to try to keep up with inflation. Money market funds allowed access to those higher interest rates, and banks soon had to lift their 5% limit on interest paid on savings.

Today, at least until now, the interest rate market has been manipulated by the Federal Reserve — buying debt securities of the government and mortgage market, flooding the markets with new money, and keeping interest rates artificially low.

Low interest rates help debtors, especially in times of rising inflation. And the biggest debtor of all these days is the U.S. government.

The real losers these days are savers. Today, "chicken money" in the bank earns less that 1%, with inflation running at 6%. But with the recognition that inflation is not transitory, the markets will eventually overwhelm the Fed, pushing rates higher. The Fed is already slowing its money injections. Be patient, savers.

As famed economist Milton Friedman said, "There is no free lunch." And that's The Savage Truth.

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Eating out at restaurants is way more expensive now, here's why

SOURCE: Clint Rainey, Fast Company

This year's consumer price index, published every October, by the Bureau of Labor Statistics rose 6.2%. Almost everything is more expensive, from energy to used cars. But few sectors report price surges like the ones hitting food, and which are starting to be reflected on menus nationwide.

Price increases

- 7.1% - increase in prices at America's fast-food restaurants since 2020.
- 5.9% - increase in prices at America's full-service restaurants since 2020

Both represent the biggest increases the BLS has ever recorded.

Why is this happening?

Food is suffering the same perfect storm of crises that's plaguing other sectors: the pandemic, bottlenecked supply chains, extreme weather. Higher ingredient costs obviously lead to higher menu prices.

- The BLS's data shows jumps in this year's prices for meat, poultry, fish, and egg. Pork in particular registered the highest jump on record (14.1%), while beef prices rose by 20.1%.
- Employees' decreased willingness to work for lower wages and employers' claim that there's no extra money because of COVID has left some restaurants saying they've had no choice but to raise menu prices. In fact, most fast-food chains did raise theirs this year, some by as much as 10%.
- In August, the most recent month there's data for, the industry had 1.5 million job openings, but employers filled just over 1 million of them, leaving a gap of 476,000 unfilled jobs.

Analysts have begun politely suggesting a paradigm shift. "Restaurants will be forced to increase wages to attract the staff they need."

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Avon
Karyn L. D'Avignon
Richard E. Parker
Dwight W. Thurston
Richard G. Verret
Berlin
Judith L. Johnson
Kenneth J. Lamkins
Bloomfield
Larry D. Call, Jr.
Burlington
Noreen K. Matava
Canton
Karyn L. D'Avignon
Mary E. Piretti
Dwight W. Thurston
Richard G. Verret
Colchester
Joseph Joaquin
East Granby
Agnes Carlson
East Hartford
Carla E. Baldwin
Constantine J. Dunko
John Querido, Jr.
Deborah Wood
Ellington
Linda R. Ello
Enfield
Mary C. Pierz
Farmington
Noreen K. Matava
Glastonbury
Anthony Cappellucci
Constantine J. Dunko
John Querido, Jr.
Deborah Wood
Goshen
Larry D. Call, Jr.
Hartford
Anthony Cappellucci
Sheila Dumeer
Grace Eastwood
Michael Gongon, Sr.
Philip E. Gutfran
Mary M. Hobart
Phillip N. Jackson
Eunice Jones
Luigi Mancini
Mary L. Martin
Emily R Melendez
Manchester
Marilyn Moonan
Middletown
Linda Klemba
Newington
Sheila Dumeer
Judith L. Johnson
Old Saybrook
John P. Rogers
Other Town in CT
Mark W. Culotta
Ruth Griffin
Maria E. Hermosillo
Mary L. Martin
Emily R Melendez
Lois C. Neiley
Richard J O'Marra
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Mary Anne Powers
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Sandberg Af Benkestok
Louise P. Walton
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Unionville
Charles T. Vannais
Vernon
Linda R. Ello
Ruth Griffin
West Hartford
Mary Anne Powers
Taivo Raig
Wethersfield
Luigi Mancini
Windsor
Agnes Carlson
Phillip N. Jackson
Doris F. Spedding

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Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES

Baldwin, Carla E.

Carla E. Baldwin, 73, of East Hartford, beloved wife of 33 years of David B. Baldwin left this life peacefully on Wednesday, December 8, 2021, with her beloved David holding her hand. She was born on April 13, 1948 in New Hampshire and had resided in Hartford and East Hartford for most of her life. Carla was employed as a Home Help Companion for over 20 years until retiring due to her health. Carla loved her crafts, jigsaw puzzles and the ocean. Her and her husband spent their vacations at Old Orchard Beach in Maine.

In addition to her husband David, she is survived by her two sons, Jesse and Danny and several nieces, nephews and their families.

Funeral services and burial in Maine will be private. There are no calling hours. Ladd-Turkington & Carmon Funeral Home in Vernon has care of the arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association. To leave an online condolence please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com

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Culotta, Mark W

Mark William Culotta (54) of Southington, passed away peacefully in his sleep on December 12, 2021. He leaves behind his beloved sons Ethan and Eli of Southington, who both cherished their Dad, his parents Vincent and Isabelle Culotta of Beacon Falls, and his brother Jon and Jon's family. Mark also leaves behind Ethan and Eli's Mom, Sue Culotta and her family as well as his lifelong best friend Mike Van Horn of Virginia.
Mark was born in Derby, CT on January 17, 1967 (a birthday he shared with son Eli). He grew up in Seymour and attended Seymour High School graduating in 1985. He then continued his education at Waterbury State Technical College (earning an AS in Mechanical Engineering) and then getting his Bachelors in Science with a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of New Haven. Mark went on to have a career in Quality Control, Assurance and Engineering working at a number of top companies including ITW Highland, Del-Tron Precision and CUNO. Around this time he moved to Southington, a town that he was proud to call home.
Mark grew up playing a number of sports including baseball where he excelled and that was start of a long exciting career. One early highlight was playing in the Seymour Babe Ruth League where he was coached by his Dad which was one of many great bonding moments between them. The love of baseball grew into playing high level competitive softball where he was a key member of many championship teams and traveled throughout the country for tournaments.
Other big loves of Mark were his unwavering loyalty to the Boston Red Sox and Miami Dolphins. Many around town knew whose license plate was 72PHINS. This love of all things Red Sox and Dolphins was a passion that he was able to pass along to both Ethan and Eli and they all thoroughly enjoyed sharing many games both in person and on TV.
Which leads to the greatest loves of Mark's life: His boys. Mark was the pure definition of "Great Dad". He loved everything about being a Dad and did everything possible to express that love. One of the areas that he got very involved in was coaching. Mark dove right in to become a coach on many of the boys' teams - whether it was baseball, basketball or the main sport of the family - football. Seeing Mark being on the sidelines coaching his sons or just being in the stands were always "extremely proud" moments for him. Even in the last few years as Mark battled some health challenges, the things that got him through were the times he was watching his boys play or enjoying football or Red Sox games together. Those were times he cherished and made him smile.
Mark was loved dearly and his smile will be forever missed.
Calling hours for Mark will be held on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 from 4-7 p.m. at the DellaVecchia Funeral Home, 211 N. Main St., Southington. The family asks that flowers be omitted. For online condolences and directions please visit, www.dellavecchiasouthington.com

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Johnson, Judith L.

Judith Elaine (Lauritzen) Johnson, 80, joined God on December 15, 2021 surrounded by loved ones. Daughter of the late Helen and Edward Lauritzen, Judy was born April 2, 1941. She grew up in West Hartford graduating from Conard High School in 1959. During high school, Judy was a baton twirler and was very involved in her church youth group. Judy attended radiology school at Hartford Hospital, worked as an x-ray technician for 45years and was the first x-ray tech at Orthopedic Associates of Hartford. Judy also spent time selling Home Decor and as a secretary at Newington High School. Judy met her husband, Roland, in the 3rd grade at Emanuel Lutheran Church. They dated and eventually were married in 1963 living in CT then NJ before settling in Newington in 1971 to raise their two children. Judy volunteered extensively with her kid's school and sports activities, but devoted most of her time to Emanuel Lutheran Church where she was part of the church council and craft group. For many years, she led the church youth group at meetings, trips, national gatherings, and Hammonasset campouts. Lastly, she established her pride and joy, the Friday Night Program which flourished under her leadership. For over 30 years, Judy opened the Emanuel gym doors to the neighborhood youth providing a safe opportunity to play games, play basketball, and just hang out for the night. Through the program, several youth benefited from scholar-ships to further their education. In her spare time, Judy enjoyed reading, crafting, doing puzzles, and attending her grandchildren's sporting and performing arts events. Judy was a very special lady. To paraphrase her granddaughter, Judy was the strongest, badass woman we knew. She fought a multitude of battles throughout her life and now it is her time to be at peace. She would do anything for her family and the people she cared for. Judy found the good in everyone and left a lasting impact on each and every person that was blessed to meet her. God has her now; she is safe and can now rest easy. She was indeed an angel on earth. Judy was predeceased by her sisters Nancy McCormack and Diane Roule. She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Roland Johnson, of Newington, her daughter Jennifer and husband Joe of Berlin and her son Michael and wife Jennifer Win-Johnson of Newington. Known as Nai Nai, she will be missed by her grandchildren Cooper, Gunnar, Ryan, Maya, Reagan, and Ava as well as her grand pets Phineas, Bronny, and Bear. She also leaves a brother, Robert Lauritzen, and his wife Grace of Beverly Hills, FL, sister-in-law Carol Dennler of West Hartford, cousins, many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grand nephews, and many close friends. Family and friends may call on Tuesday December 21, 2021, at the Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Judith's funeral service will be held on Wednesday, December 21, 2021, at 10:00 am DIRECTLY at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hartford, 311 Capitol Ave, Hartford, CT, (parking available in the state lot at Oak St.). She will be lovingly laid to rest in West Meadow Cemetery, Newington. Donations may be made to Emanuel Lutheran Church, 311 Capitol Ave, Hartford, CT 06106. To share a memory or condolence with Judith's family, please visit us at www.duksa.net

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Wood, Deborah "Debby" (Dodge)

Deborah Dodge Wood of South Windsor died peacefully on November 20, 2021 from the effects of Parkinson's disease. A native of Portland, ME, Debby attended the Waynflete School, Mt. Holyoke College, and earned a Master's degree from Radcliffe College. She worked for many years in the office at South Congregational Church of East Hartford and as Director of the church's cooperative nursery school. She was active in the church community as well, serving in many roles on church committees. She was a long-time member and Past President of the East Hartford Woman's Club, served on the board of the Raymond Library and was active in many other community organizations. A long-time resident of East Hartford, she had then lived in Glastonbury for several years before recently moving to South Windsor with her husband of 61 years, Robert, who predeceased her in July. She enjoyed socializing with a wide circle of friends and traveling far and wide. She also enjoyed reading mysteries, regular bridge games with friends (dating back many decades), and taking long walks with Bob. They spent many summers at Moose Pond in Bridgton, ME, boating, mountain climbing, and welcoming friends and family. She was a devoted grandmother and always a proud supporter of the various academic, athletic and artistic activities of her grandchildren.
Born August 9, 1938, the daughter of the late Archibald M. and Alice (Mackay) Dodge, she is survived by her two sons and daughters-in-law, Timothy Wood and Kate Stover of Philadelphia, PA, Stephen and Ping Wood of Glastonbury, CT; grandchildren, Lydia Wood of Chicago, IL, Henry Wood of Philadelphia, PA, Jocelyn Wood and Annabel Wood both of Glastonbury, CT; as well as cousins, nieces, nephews, dear friends, and her devoted caregivers, especially Janet Denizac. She was also predeceased by her sister Margaret Smith of Litchfield, CT, and her half-sister Harriet Allen of New Port Richey, FL.
A memorial service will be Thursday (December 30, 2021) at 11 am at the South Congregational Church of East Hartford, 1301 Forbes Street, East Hartford with Rev. Fredd Ward officiating. Private burial will be in the Memorial Garden at South Congregational Church. Debby's family will receive relatives and friends on Thursday morning from 10 -11 am in the main lobby at the church. Everyone is asked to please wear a facemask. A reception in Charrier Hall at the church will follow the funeral service. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Debby's honor can be made to the East Hartford Woman's Club Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 380401, East Hartford, CT 06138-0401. The D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter Street, East Hartford has been entrusted with the care of the funeral arrangements. For on-line expressions of sympathy to the family, please visit www.desopoeh.com.

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Dumeer, Sheila (Gunning)

Sheila (Gunning) Dumeer, 90, of Newington, beloved wife of the late Albert J. Dumeer, passed away peacefully on Friday, December 17, 2021 at home surrounded by her family. Sheila, daughter of the late Bartholomew and Anna (Golden) Gunning, grew up in Hartford's South End with her two sisters, Maura (Gunning) Mathieu and the late Brenda (Gunning) Clemens.

Sheila attended St. Augustine School in Hartford. She went on to graduate from Mount St. Joseph Academy and later earn her undergraduate degree and teaching certificate at St. Joseph College. During this time, she made many lifelong friends, including Maureen Hallisey, Mary Ann Renehan, Patricia Melley, Marjorie McMahon, Eileen Russo, and Anita Stack.

After graduating college, Sheila met her husband Albert; they raised their family in Newington, where they spent the rest of their lives.

Sheila pursued a successful teaching career in Hartford and Newington. She was a lifelong learner who had a passion for travel and cherished her many journeys around the country and the world. Following her retirement, Sheila served as a tour guide with AAA, a docent at the Bushnell and Hartford Stage, and a volunteer with the Women's Auxiliary at St. Francis Hospital. She was a devout Catholic and a communicant of St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church in Hartford.

Sheila is survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Maura and Robert Mathieu of West Hartford. Sheila's four children will remember her fondly: Carol Fritz and her husband Gary LaBrec of Manchester; Eileen Francolino and her husband John of Newington; David Dumeer and his wife Paola of Glastonbury; and Amy McGloin and her husband Patrick of West Hartford. Sheila also leaves behind nine grandchildren: Ben, Tim, and Sam Fritz; Betsy Francolino; Matt Francolino and his wife Chelsea; Julie (Francolino) Inzero and her husband Ray; Jonathan and Olivia Dumeer; and Desmond McGloin. In addition, she is survived by two great-grandchildren, Adilyn and Cole Francolino, and many nieces and nephews. Sheila's family would like to thank Victoria Mitchell and the other dedicated professionals who helped care for her over the years.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 10 a.m. at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church in Hartford. Friends and family will gather from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at Sheehan-Hilborn-Breen Funeral Home in West Hartford, with the funeral procession departing at 9:30. Masks are required for all, regardless of vaccination status. After Mass, burial will follow at West Meadow Cemetery in Newington.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the House of Bread, 453 Main Street, Hartford, CT 06120 (hobread.org). To leave an online message of condolence for Sheila's family and live streaming of the funeral mass please visit www.sheehanhilbornbreen.com.

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Sandberg af Benkestok, Terje "Cato"

Terje "Cato" Sandberg af Benkestok passed away on December 16, 2021. He was born to Ottar Sandberg and Gunnvor Mannvik on March 18, 1937, north of the Arctic Circle, in Bodø, Norway, and lived through WWII. He is survived by his 4 children Yniel, Ydine, Yanell and Yasper, a grandson Alexander, a granddaughter due in two weeks, his wife Jacklyn, his older brother Sven and his children Per Gunnar and Raquel, his younger half siblings on his father's side: Rigmor and Knut Ottar and his half sibling on his mother's side, Lennart. He was predeceased by his paternal half-brothers Victor and Ingvald, maternal half-sister Monica and his wife Ydalmen whom he loved dearly. He graduated as a mechanical engineer at NTNU in Trondheim, Norway https://youtu.be/N_V-4xrUPBg. In his early 20s he worked for Volvo, eventually moving to Lysekil, Sweden to start his lifelong career in the paper industry. In 1977 he met Ydalmen Sophia Gonzalez in Bergenfield, NJ, USA. They were married quickly and moved to Sweden. In 1979, they had a son Yniel, and the following year a daughter Ydine, who lit up their hearts. While raising his young family, Cato led paper machine installation projects in Sweden, Norway, Hungary, Spain, and Brazil among others, becoming lifelong friends with his associate Robert Gordon. In 1984 he moved the family to the US and began work at Jagenberg in Enfield, CT as Regional Sales Manager. In his role he enjoyed selling paper machines across the country, traveling, and entertaining customers. In 1985 the family moved to a beautiful property next to Gillettes Brook in Somers, CT. In 1986 they had another son, Yanell, and in 1990 his fourth child Yasper. Raising his children brought him the most happiness in his life and he felt no greater joy than to spend time with his friends, children, and grandkids over the years. He spent his spare time over the first 10 years in Somers building an addition to his house, doubling the size. He enjoyed construction and engineering so much that he designed the addition, bought a backhoe, dug the foundation himself and did most of the finishing work. In 1999 he left his employment and started CaSaCoCo, a paper machine consulting service. He had a few close friends, namely Bruce Conrad whose company he treasured and Scott who enjoyed speaking Swedish to him. He was very saddened to lose his wife suddenly and tragically in 2010. In 2011 he married Jacklyn Sandberg, who took very good care of him and loved him during the last part of his life, spent together in Las Vegas. He was a deeply intelligent man whose greatest pride was the success of his children. He loved to laugh and sing and could spend hours improvising on a piano and playing songs on guitar by Evert Taube. He grew up skiing and it was a gift he shared with his family. He spoke many languages, including English, Norwegian, Swedish, German, French and Portuguese. He enjoyed going to Columbus Day parades with a Viking hat, telling the newspapers that when Columbus showed up, he found Leif Eriksson on the beach asking for a job. He had a strong personal relationship with God, which he preferred not to discuss. He enjoyed developing and telling jokes and loved to host lobster dinners with family and friends recalling stories from his international adventures. He lived a beautiful and kind life and will be greatly missed. He is being transported from Las Vegas, services are tentatively scheduled for Thursday the 23rd of December at the Somers Funeral Home; however, logistics may require that we gather the day after. He used to joke when our mother was late to an event, "You'll be late to your own funeral." She'd be laughing. The time, once finalized will be posted at www.leetestevens.com

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Eastwood, Grace (Lumpkin)

Grace L. (Lumpkin) Eastwood, 93, of Hartford, beloved wife for 73 years of the late Colville A. Eastwood, passed away peacefully at home on Monday, December 13, 2021.

Grace was born in Hartford on March 12, 1928, one of seven children of the late James and Lovey (Wallace) Lumpkin. She graduated from Hartford High School, Class of 1947, and went on to attend E.C. Goodwin Technical School, Greater Hartford Community College, and Excelsior College. Grace was employed at Hebrew Home & Hospital, retiring after 28 years of services.

Grace was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and world traveler. She will be fondly remembered as a remarkable woman of good character. Grace volunteered at various health fairs and participated in Leadership Greater Hartford.

Grace and Colville were blessed with six children, who have an ache in their hearts with her passing, Anthony Eastwood, (Yvonne), Charlotte Perry (Ernest), Katherine Eastwood, Nanette Estemadera, Millicent Eastwood, and Paula Eastwood; six grandchildren, Sharmaine Eastwood, Carla Brown, Caren Young, Catellia Casey-Coombs (Brian) and Tayejon Eastwood-Collymore; six great grandchildren, Diondre Brown, Elliana Williams, De'Saunie Brown, Kendyll Jaynes and Ryan Anthony Coombs, Aubrielle Coombs; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was predeceased by her brothers, Franky, Roosevelt and Milton Lumpkin; and her sisters, Lois Gore, Colonel B. Catherine Noble, and Cecelia Astwood.

Her family will receive friends on Thursday, December, 23, 9:30-10:30 a.m., with a 10:30 a.m. Celebration of Life at Carmon Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave., Windsor. Burial will follow in Mount St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield.

To attend the service remotely, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

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Raig, Taivo

Mr. Taivo Raig, 86, a native of Estonia, and longtime West Hartford resident, passed away on Friday morning, December 17, 2021 at his home. He leaves behind his partner Becki Colton and her wonderful family. Taivo Raig was born on July 14, 1935, in Tallinn, Estonia, son of Eduard and Salme Raig. He and his brother Eero and the parents survived World War II and moved to the United States in 1949. He graduated from Hall High School in West Hartford and then joined the US Army, serving in the mid-1950s, stationed in Hawaii. Returning home, he took accounting courses and worked in the Hartford insurance industry for several years. He eventually took a position with the State of Connecticut Health Department where he ran the audio-visual communications shop and retired after a long career in 1995. Taivo loved life. He and his beloved Becki travelled on numerous cruises from Belize to Alaska to Hawaii and more. In younger days, he was an avid tennis player, and he always enjoyed great music and live concerts. He loved to discuss politics, economics, and history, but most of all, the stock market. At the same time, he loved his soaps and Downton Abbey, and times spent enjoying a beer at one of his favorite places, American Legion, Post 96, where he was a member. Taivo helped many people, quietly and graciously. He knew he had special skills that everyone needed – especially in computers – and he enjoyed every spare minute of his time rebuilding old laptops and giving them to friends. He is now with the angels. Taivo is survived by his partner Becki Colton and her daughter Megan, and his cousins in Estonia. He was predeceased by his brother Eero. He will also be greatly missed by Becki's extended family and numerous other friends and neighbors. Arrangements: A service will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021, at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford, CT. Burial will follow at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Hartford, CT. Directions and online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

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Thurston, Dwight Wescott

Dwight Thurston, 79, passed away suddenly on December 1, 2021. Born February 13, 1942, Dwight was the son of the late Dwight Philips Bourne Thurston and the late Helene Stelloh Thurston. He grew up in Collinsville and attended Canton High School. At 17, he joined the U.S. Marines and travelled throughout the U.S. and Asia. After his service, Dwight had an opportunity to spend 18 months in Greenland. He then returned to school, graduating from the University of Connecticut with a bachelor's degree Phi Betta Kappa, and later with a master's degree. His insatiable curiosity and desire to learn led him to many careers—each highlighting his creative ability and intelligence. Whether mastering the art of photography, appreciating the many aspects of roots and rhythm music, or self-teaching the skill of clock repair and restoration, Dwight delighted in absorbing information. For nearly four decades, he hosted a variety musical programs as a volunteer on WWUH 91.3 FM, radio at the University of Hartford, by far most the popular being "In the Weeds" on Friday afternoons. Dwight's many listeners will recall his gift of gab, his love of music, and his amazing knowledge of all things folk, bluegrass, blues, zydeco, Reggae and "...all the music that fits between the cracks!" As the owner of Professional Clock Service in Canton for decades, Dwight expertly attended to the repair and restoration of clocks throughout the Farmington River Valley. His thirst for knowledge, his skeptical nature, and his willingness to share his musical finds will always be remembered by those who knew him.

Dwight is survived by his beloved daughter, Reneé Thurston, of Canton. Dwight also leaves behind his sister, Nan Thurston Bartlett, three nieces, and his former wife and close friend, Carline Thurston, whose care and kindness he deeply valued.

A family graveside service for Dwight will be held at a later date. Please consider a donation in Dwight's memory to WWUH Radio, 200 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06117. The Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center of Avon is in care of the arrangements. To share a memory or condolence message with Dwight's family, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

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Carlson, Agnes (Quigley)

Agnes (Quigley) Carlson "Nannie" 96 of East Granby beloved wife of the late Arvid Carlson passed away on Friday, December 17, 2021 with her family by her side. She was born in Boston, MA on January 18, 1925 to the late Edward and Elizabeth Quigley. Known by her family as the "energizer bunny," Nannie was infamous for her baking and could perfect just about any recipe you put in front of her. She loved the Red Sox and cheering on her Grand- and Great-Grand kids at their own sporting games.

Agnes is survived by her four daughters, Janet T. Sagendorf and her husband Herb, Karlene K. Chaput, Elaine Baarlaer, and Karen Kriss and her husband Michael; 12 Grandchildren, 22 Great-Grandchildren, 2 Great Great-Grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, and her beloved dog and best friend Maggie.

A visitation will be held on Monday, December 27, 2021 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Carmon Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave., Windsor, CT. Burial will be held privately in the Massachusetts Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Agawam. In lieu of flowers memorial donations in Agnes's memory may be made to Shriners Children's Hospital, Attn. Processing Center, P.O. Box 947765 Atlanta, GA 30394 St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1893 Memphis, TN 38101-9950. For online expressions of sympathy please visit, www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

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Hermosillo, Maria Estela

Maria Estela Hermosillo, 82, of New Haven, Connecticut, devoted mother and grandmother passed away peacefully on Friday, December 17, 2021 at Connecticut Hospice, Branford surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Canutillo, Texas on September 3, 1939, a daughter of the late Aurora Valenzuela and Casamire Cruz. She is survived by three of six siblings: Joe Quésada, Jr. and his wife Carmen, Jessie García, and Rose Ochoa. She was predeceased by Lily Juárez, Marie Rivera and Connie Quésada. She graduated from James Lick High School, San José, CA where she met and married Miguel G. Hermosillo. She and her daughters moved to Connecticut in 1969. She worked and attended college, receiving her Associate's from Manchester Community College, Bachelor's from St. Joseph College, and her MSW through a full scholarship from Boston College, all while raising her daughters as a single parent. She worked at UTC in California, Catholic Family Services in Hartford, and retired after twenty years from the U.S Judicial Department as a Bilingual Probation Officer (Pre-Trial) to help raise her grandchildren. She re-married the love of her life, Miguel G. Hermosillo (pre-deceased) in 1989. She enjoyed being a grandmother to all her grandchildren, and traveling the country to spend time with her family. Her devotion was not just to her family. Her love of Bahu' u' llah, an active member of Baha' i Community, and served as the Secretary of the New Haven Local Spiritual Assembly for several decades. She will be remembered for her many selfless acts to help immediate and extended family. She was an exemplar of service, teaching, and love for all of humanity. Estela's legacy lives on through her daughters; Reneé Hermosillo-González and her husband Ubaldo González, Marta DeMay and her husband Ross DeMay and Mighela Hermosillo-Cochran and her husband Jeff Cochran. She is also survived by eight grandchildren; Lorina Davis, Rachel Ryan, Maria Coss Y León, Cristina González, Caden Cochran, Keegan Cochran, Greyson Cochran and Paxton Cochran. Estela's family will receive relatives and friends on Sunday, December 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Washington Memorial Funeral Home, 4 Washington Ave., North Haven. A funeral service will take place at the funeral home on Monday, December 20th at 9:30 a.m. Burial will follow in Centerville Cemetery, Hamden. At the request of the Hermosillo family facial coverings will be required for all attendees. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Estela's name may be sent to Connecticut Hospice, 100 Double Beach Rd., Branford, CT 06405, or www.hospice.org, or by calling 203 715-7500. www.washingtonmemorialfh.com.

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O'Brien, Susan

Susan O'Brien (Bendell) died a peaceful death on December 16, after a short battle with a recently diagnosed brain cancer.

Sue is survived by her three children, David Rinaldi, Jacquelyn O'Brien (husband Ben Peterson) and Erin O'Brien (partner Auriane Desombre) and her sister Luann Corcoran (husband Steve Corcoran). Other cherished family members are her nieces and nephews, Jessica, Ben, Jake, Shannon, David, Daniel and TJ, along with her adorable grand nieces and nephews (Kayla, Ava, Emmie, Remi Lu, Millie, Rylan, Warren, BeauDavid III and Tyler). Not to go unmentioned are the many cousins, aunts, uncles and great friends that are thought of as family.

Sue was born on February 4, 1959 in Manchester, CT to Violette Michaud Bendell and David Bendell. She resided most of her life in the Coventry and South Windsor area, most recently moving to Stamford, CT to pursue a lifelong dream of living and working near the ocean.

Sue graduated from Coventry High School and went to Central Connecticut State College to pursue an accounting degree. She spent the majority of her career working in hospitality accounting, most recently working in Stamford. CT.

Family first. Sue loved her family and friends unconditionally and was the best mom, sister and aunt creating many wonderful memories with her family gatherings. Sue was gentle, loving, caring, hysterically funny, adventurous, kind and compassionate. Her infectious laughter resonated well beyond the norm and sparked additional joy in those around her. She approached life with positivity and lived it to the fullest, climbing every mountain and scaling every obstacle. Susie Q was the epitome of a warrior; brave and a fighter, her arms stretched outward and open to all who crossed her path.

Sue bult a virtual temple and poured a foundation for each and everyone she loved. Each relationship was something that Sue took special care with, nurturing, building and creating beautiful space. Thank you, Sue, for being the wonderful builder that you were and for connecting all of us in a circle of strength.

Most of this obituary are excerpts from loved ones writing about Sue. Is she an angel? We think she may be.

Sue's memorial service is being held at the Hartford Golf Club, 134 Norwood Road, West Hartford, CT on Tuesday, December 21stat 4pm. All are invited to join in the celebration of Sue's inspirational life.

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Ello, Linda R.(Shives)

Linda R. (Shives) Ello, 79, of Ellington, beloved wife of 56 years of Frank Ello Jr. passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 with her family at her side. Linda was born on November 17, 1942 in Metcalfe County, Kentucky one of three children of the late Travis and Delphia Shives. She was raised in Kentucky and Indiana, growing up on her family's farm which cultivated her love of gardening. She was a graduate of Camden High School and went on to complete a two year secretarial program at a local business school. With this certificate, she obtained a job as the secretary to the Dean of Engineering at the Indiana Institute of Technology where she met her husband, Frank. She and Frank moved to Connecticut in 1965 where they raised their family in Ellington and Vernon and then retired in Mystic. Linda enjoyed working as a secretary for Edwards Answering Service in Vernon and providing administrative support at East Catholic High School in Manchester but she mostly identified herself as wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She was an active parishioner of St. Joseph Church in Rockville and its St Helen's Society before moving to Mystic and joining St. Mary Church in Groton. Upon her return to Ellington she attended the St. Bernard Church in Rockville. Linda was an avid cook and gardener, and she developed a passion for researching the family tree. However, her greatest love came from spending time with her grandchildren and family and taking care of others. She had a heart of gold and always placed everyone's needs before herself. In addition to leaving behind her beloved husband Frank, Linda leaves her cherished children and grandchildren; Greg Ello and his spouse Debra and their children Alex and Brandon all of Vernon, and Julie Yepes and her spouse Jorge and their children Briana and Nicholas all of Higganum, and several nieces, nephews and their families. Linda was predeceased by her sister Phyllis Shoemaker and brother Larry Shives of Indiana. A time of visitation for family and friends will be at the Ladd-Turkington & Carmon Funeral Home, 551 Talcottville Road in Vernon on Thursday, January 6, 2022 from 5-7 pm. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Friday, January 7, 2022 at 11:00 am at St. Bernard Church, 25 St. Bernard Terrace in Rockville. Burial will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Connecticut Chapter or to the American Cancer Society as both have stricken family members. To leave and online condolence please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com

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Hobart, Mary McComb

HOBART

Mary McComb of Ardmore, PA died on Dec. 12th, 2021 with her son Bob by her side. Mary was predeceased by her son Michael Markey, brother Harold Hobart and sister Nancy Hobart. She is survived by her son, Bob Markey (Colleen) and her two granddaughters, Tricia and MaryCate. A Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Sat. Jan. 8th at Saint George's Episcopal Church, 1 West Ardmore Ave, Ardmore, PA 19003, where visitors may call after 9am, followed by Mass at 10am and Interment in the Church's Memorial Garden. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the above mentioned Church.

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Jackson, Phillip N.

Phillip N. Jackson, 30, of Windsor, beloved son of Nigel and Laverne (Whitely) Jackson of Windsor and loving brother to Krystina, passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 9, 2021, at Yale New Haven Hospital. Born in Hartford on May 21, 1991, he was a lifelong resident of Windsor and a graduate of Windsor High School, Class of 2009. After high school, Phillip continued his education at Eastern Connecticut State University and Central Connecticut State University before taking a position as a software engineer. Most recently, he worked at Quest Global in Windsor. Phillip enjoyed playing guitar, saxophone, and piano. His love of music led him to spend summers in the Windsor Youth Theater program. He also enjoyed sports, playing basketball and soccer for many years, as well as lifeguarding for the Windsor Recreation Department and the Jewish Community Center in West Hartford during the summers. As an adult, Phillip was very involved in Mixed Martial Arts, specifically in discipline of Jujitsu. Phillip trained with professional fighters and spent a lot of his time studying the sport. Most of all, Phillip will be remembered as a very multi-faceted, independent person who did things his own way. He was free-spirited and was not easily influenced by others, always doing what he enjoyed, and thought was right. Phillip was baptized at St. Justin Church in Hartford and was a member of the former St. Gertrude Church in Windsor where he received his first Holy Communion and was Confirmed. Most recently, he studied and appreciated the teachings of many world religions, including Buddhism which he admired for its simplicity and its focus on peace, harmony, and meditation. Besides his parents, he leaves his sister, Krystina Maxine Jackson of Windsor and her fiancé, Matthew McClain of Naugatuck; his paternal grandmother, Vera Dawkins of Hartford; his maternal grandmother, Carmen Baptiste of Miami, FL; nine uncles; four aunts; his girlfriend, Karimah Dunn of Windsor; and a host of cousins, relatives, and friends. His family will receive friends on Monday, December 20, 5-8 p.m., with a Vigil Service at 7 p.m., at the Carmon Windsor Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave., Windsor. A Mass of Christian Burial will be Celebrated on Tuesday, December 21, 11 a.m., at St. Justin-St. Michael Parish, 230 Blue Hills Ave., Hartford. Burial will follow in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. Memorial donations may be made to the Phillip N. Jackson Scholarship Fund, https://www.tmcfunding.com/funds/phillip-jackson-scholarship-fund/6280/. For online condolences and to view the service live or after Tuesday, December 21st, at 11 a.m., please visit, www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

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Cappellucci, Anthony "Tony"

Anthony "Tony" Cappellucci, 74, of Glastonbury and formerly of Hartford, peacefully entered into eternal rest on Thursday, December 16, 2021 at Salmon Brook Health Care and Rehabilitation Center. Born in Caramanico Terme, San Tommaso, province of Pescara, Italy on November 20, 1947 he was a son of the late Raffaele and Elvira (DeAcetis) Cappellucci. He was a resident of Hartford for 63 years prior to moving to Glastonbury in 2015. A devout Catholic, Tony was a longtime faithful communicant of St. Augustine Church in Hartford. Prior to his retirement in 1995, he was employed for over 22 years by Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, East Hartford. He also worked at Coca Cola in East Hartford prior to working at Pratt & Whitney. Tony was a talented vegetable gardener who also loved listening to classical music and watching old movies.

He is survived by his brother, Nicholas R. Cappellucci and his wife, Sandra, of Vernon; his sister, Adela Nacimento of Manchester; several nieces, nephews, former co-workers, and dear friends. A sister, Louisa Obiano of Georgia, predeceased him.

Funeral service will be Wednesday (December 22, 2021) with a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated at 10 am at St. Augustine Church, 10 Campfield Avenue, Hartford. Burial will follow at Cedar Hill Cemetery, (Section 29), Hartford. Everyone is asked to please go directly to the church on Wednesday morning. Tony's family will receive relatives and friends on Tuesday (December 21, 2021) from 4 – 6 pm at the D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter Street, East Hartford. Everyone is asked to please wear a facemask at the funeral home chapel and church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Tony's name may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. For on-line expressions of sympathy to the family, please visit www.desopoeh.com.

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Dunko, Constantine Joseph

Constantine Joseph Dunko, 78, of East Hartford, passed away on December 9, 2021 at Hartford Hospital due to complications from a stroke. He is survived by his devoted family, including his children and their spouses, Kelly Cunningham and her husband Brian of Hebron, Steve Dunko and his fiancée Rachel Palmer of East Hartford, and Jeff Dunko and his wife Susan of Andover, as well as his former wife and loving caregiver, Barbara Dunko of East Hartford. He was happiest when spending time with his cherished grandchildren, Christian Cunningham and his wife Shannon, Molly Cunningham, Patrick Dunko, Jeremy Dunko and Seth Dunko.

He leaves siblings Walter Dunko, Helen Hodgman and Sophie Dunko, as well as a niece and several nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Alexander and Frances Dunko. He was born in Zytnowiecze, Poland and came to the United States in 1951 as a young boy. He often spoke of his voyage to the United States aboard the USS General H. W. Butner, where he enjoyed his first soda, drinking 7-UP with the soldiers and families onboard. He recalled his excitement while watching the Statue of Liberty slowly grow closer, as the ship approached his new home in America. His family settled in Hartford, where he attended SS. Cyril & Methodius School, and later moved to Glastonbury, where he graduated from Glastonbury High School. He was a proud Teamster and retired from United Parcel Service in 2004, after 32 years of dedicated service. He was a Corvette enthusiast and enjoyed coin collecting. He especially enjoyed sharing his love of cars and coins with his grandchildren. He was kind-hearted and exceptionally generous. He was affectionately known as "Boppu" to family and friends, a moniker bestowed by his eldest grandchild, who originated the nickname as a toddler many years ago, unable to pronounce the intended title of Grandpa. Per his wishes, there will be no funeral or memorial service. We ask that friends and loved ones perform an act of generosity and kindness during this holiday season, in keeping with his strongest and most admired character traits. For online guestbook please visit www.brooklawnfuneralhome.com.

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Roche, Joan Mandels

Joan Mandels Roche, 79, of Suffield, was a loving wife, mother, step-grandmother, and sister as well as a beloved friend to many people and pets, and a glowing light to all who met her. Joan died peacefully on Thursday, December 16, 2021, surrounded by family, after a brief illness. Born December 10, 1942, in Waterbury, Connecticut, Joan was the daughter of Gabriel and Mary (Hickox) Mandels. After her father finished his service during WWII, Joan grew up in Rose Valley, Pennsylvania and then Natick, Massachusetts. She graduated from the University of Vermont and then moved to Washington, DC where she met her husband John, an upstairs neighbor who helped her move a couch and captured her heart. They married in 1966 and moved to Suffield in 1970, where they have lived ever since. She and John celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in October. Joan dedicated her time to raising two children, and then worked for many years at the Kent Memorial Library in Suffield. Joan enjoyed spending time with her husband at their farmhouse growing beautiful gardens, walking their dog, and taking care of horses. She also liked to travel with family, enjoying many lobster dinners on the coast of Maine, family trips to national parks, and visits to California and Hawaii. Joan's enduring smile, heart of gold, and selfless generosity touched those who loved her most and those who only met her briefly. She leaves her loving husband John Roche, son Steve Roche, his wife Melissa Roche and stepdaughter Brielle, daughter Sue Roche, her husband Brian Frost and stepchildren Matthew and Julia, and brother Peter Mandels. Joan's celebration of life will be held during warmer weather in 2022. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Joan's memory to the Friends of Kent Memorial Library, 50 North Main Street, Suffield, CT 06078. Nicholson & Carmon Funeral Home has care of arrangements. To leave on-line condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com

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Gutfran, Philip Edward

Philip Edward Gutfran, 80, from the Village of Lynn Haven, husband of the late Martha Jo Gutfran, died Wednesday December 8, 2021. He was born April 23, 1941 in Hartford, Connecticut. He was married to Martha Jo for 39 years before her passing in 2016. Mr. Gutfran graduated high school from the American School for the Deaf, received a Bachelor of Science degree from Gallaudet University in Washington D.C., and was employed by the Internal Revenue Service and worked in Hartford, CT until his retirement. He is survived by his step-son Bruce Behrer of Arvada, CO, his brother and sister in law Ronald and Dolores Gutfran, of Simsbury CT, nieces and nephew Corinne Snyder (Steve), Jean Marie Gutfran (Anthony), Rebecca Soto (Marcus), Edward Gutfran (Rochelle) and Kayla Rogan, his cousin Joan Lucco; 7 grandchildren Jennifer Hendrickson (Kyle), Ashley (Case) Wickline, Jessica Johnson, Bryce Duntz (Katie), Trevor Duntz (Sam), Melissa Behrer, and Timothy Behrer; and 7 great grandchildren Avery Hendrickson, Jayde Johnson, Stella Wickline, Levi Wickline, Declan Hendrickson, Finn Wickline, and Chloe Duntz. He was preceded in death by his mother Bernie (Sadowski) Gutfran, father Edward Gutfran, his stepdaughter Heidi (Behrer) Case, and granddaughter Rebecca Behrer.

Phil was an avid skier and beachcomber, enjoyed golf, travel, and staying current with the news. Phil also served as a member/director of the Board of Directors for the American School for the Deaf, the first alumnus to serve in that capacity. A memorial mass will be held at St. Timothy Catholic Church in Lady Lake, FL at 8:30 AM on Thursday, January 27, 2022 with friends and family gathering after the Mass at the Parish Hall at the church. A funeral mass will be conducted later in May of 2022 in Simsbury, CT where his remains will be buried. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to any Alzheimer, memory care, or hospice related organization.

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Moonan, Marilyn

Marilyn McClelland Moonan, 87, of Bolton, CT, passed away on December 15, 2021 at St. Francis Hospital. She was born in Manchester, CT on August 18, 1934, daughter of the late William F. and Phoebe "Irons" McClelland. She was the wife of the late Russell T. Moonan.

Marilyn leaves behind two daughters, Linda Moonan of Bolton and Kathy Moonan-Wartman and her husband Jeffrey D. Wartman M.D.; as well as her beloved grandson Derrek T. Kroc of Westfield, MA; as well as several nieces and nephews. Marilyn also was blessed by having many lifelong friends and neighbors during her residency in Bolton.

She is predeceased by her three sisters, Barbara McClelland, Pricella Lancaster and Faith McGugan; and her brother John McClelland.

Marilyn graduated from Manchester High School in 1952. She was employed for 25 years at Pratt & Whitney/United Technologies. Later, Marilyn became the tax collector for the town of Bolton serving for two years and served on the Bolton Planning & Zoning Board of Appeals for four years.

She was a member of the South United Methodist Church and the Bolton Senior Center. Marilyn enjoyed working in her vegetable and flower gardens, birding and making many trips to Florida and Cape Cod. She was a devoted mother, grandmother, aunt and dependable friend.

The family extends their sincere appreciation to Dr. Hazar Dahhan of Manchester for many years of excellent care.

Marilyn's daughters Linda and Kathy, and grandson Derrek would like to especially thank Bill McGugan, Marilyn's nephew, for the spiritual support, devotion and visitation he gave to our mother.

Donations in Marilyn's memory may be made to South United Methodist Church, 1226 Main St. Manchester, CT 06040

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 from 10-11:00AM at South United Methodist Church, located at 1226 Main St. Manchester, CT. Funeral service will follow at 11:00AM. Masks are required. Burial will be at East Cemetery. To leave a memory or message of condolence please visit, www.holmeswatkins.com

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Melendez, Emily R (Vaughan)

Emily V. Melendez of Ledyard died suddenly on Sunday, December 12, 2021. She was the daughter of the late Eversley and Frances Vaughan of Philadelphia, PA. She married the love of her life Luis Melendez in 1985.

She attended the Philadelphia Public School System graduating from Philadelphia High School for Girls in 1978. She earned a Bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Hartford in 1982, and Juris Doctor degree from the University of Connecticut in 1997.

In her many years of state service, Emily was fiercely committed to matters of justice, fairness and equity. This was demonstrated from her work as a legislative aide to former Governor Lowell Weicker to her most recent role as Assistant Attorney General for the State of Connecticut.

Emily and Luis shared many interests and traveled to many destinations over the years. Together, they built a legacy of love in Connecticut that was freely shared with their friends and relatives, especially their numerous nieces and nephews, who they doted upon.

She leaves to grieve her loving husband Luis Melendez of Ledyard; extended family members Kevin X. Lai, wife Leang Kouch and their children Dylan and Brandon of Guilford and Clara Mena of West Haven; nieces Tracee and Mary Melendez of Clinton, and a number of other brothers and sisters-in-law; sisters Amy V. Simmons and Celeste Vaughan-Briggs and husband Robert of Pennsylvania; nieces and nephews Herman, Adele and Grace Simmons, sister Leah Vaughan, and a host of cousins and colleagues.

There will be a Celebration of Life at a later date. In lieu of flowers, make a donation in her memory to Connecticut Food Bank or University of Pennsylvania Hospice Friends Fund in memory of Frances K. Vaughan (mother).

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Martin, Mary L.(Trusivich)

Mary Lena (Trusivich) Martin, 92, wife of the late Henry Martin, of Hartford, passed away December 13, 2021 in Hartford Hospital, surrounded by her loving children, due to complications from COVID. She was born in Jersey City, NJ, daughter of the late Harry and Mary (Sgczyhol) Trusivich. Prior to her retirement, Mary was an Administrative Assistant for the State of Connecticut. She was a great cook, playing the piano and was a skilled seamstress who made dresses for her daughters when they were young. Most of all, Mary loved her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her doors were open to all her extended family and she did things for people that even her family didn't know about. Mary was also a longtime parishioner of Saint Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church of Hartford and later Saint Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church of Colchester.

She will be lovingly remembered by her children, Donna Nolan and her husband Gary of Portland, Tina Inferrera and her husband Mel of Colchester, David Martin and his wife Cindy of West Hartford and Jeffrey Martin and his wife Carol of Hartford, her grandchildren, Melissa Ethridge and her husband Shaun, Kristen Budden and her husband Patrick, Elyse Inferrera and her husband Matt Salad, Michelle Inferrera and her fiancé Dominic Flejszar, Bohdan Martin, Mary Rose Martin and Michael Martin and her great-grandchildren, Kellan, Ella, Ava, Emerson and Blake. Besides her husband, who Mary missed dearly after he passed, she was predeceased by her brothers and sisters.

Due to COVID concerns, private services will be held at a later date. The Farley-Sullivan Funeral Home has care of the arrangements. To extend condolences, please visit farleysullivan.com.

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O'Marra, Richard J

Richard J. O'Marra, 74, passed peacefully on November 24, 2021 at Hartford Hospital. He died, just as he lived his life, on his own terms. He is survived by his children, Katherine Barrett and her husband James, Sean O'Marra and his wife Keri (Lantz) O'Marra, Robert O'Marra and his wife Tina, Shannon Trombino and her husband Angelo, Erin Wissler and her husband Scott, Patrick O'Marra and his wife Erin; his grandchildren Joshua, Kaitlyn, Kyle, Baylee and her husband Luke, Rylee, Braden, Annabel, Aiden, Avery, Addison, James, Jack, Grace, Margaret, Kylee, Molly, his great grandson Jaxson; many nieces and nephews; and countless friends. The family would like to thank the Doctors, Nurses, and PA's at Hartford Hospital that cared for him after the stroke. Respecting his wishes there will be no services.

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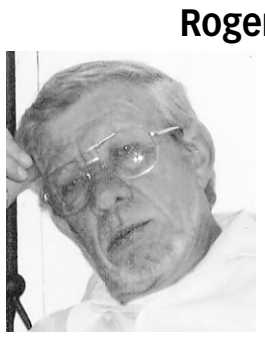
Rogers, John P.



John P. Rogers, 83, of Weatogue, beloved husband of 48 years to Gail (Fuller) Rogers, passed away peacefully Tuesday, December 14th, 2021 at his home. Born November 11, 1938 in Hartford, he was the son of the late John and Helena (Adloffe) Rogers. Prior to retiring, John was employed by the Town of Simsbury in the Public Works Department for 25 years. Prior to that, he was a Union Carpenter and a Union Ironworker. When moving to Weatogue in 1977, he joined the Simsbury Volunteer Fire Department and volunteered for five years.

John was an avid fisherman and went to Alaska three times to fish. Also, he was a hunter who took his dog Spiker out each fall for bird hunting. He also enjoyed boating in Long Island and spending time at his cottage in Indian Town, Old Saybrook.

Besides his wife, John is survived by his daughters, Vicki and Kerri Jo Rogers, three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, his sisters, Shirley Vines of Simsbury and Helena Hogg of Mystic, his sister-in-law, Eileen Rogers of Bonita Springs, FL, his sister-in-law, Lynn Emery of Avon, his brother-in-law, Stan Fuller and his wife Debbie of Burlington, several nieces and nephews and his lifelong friend, Anders Hogblom. He was predeceased by his brother, Walter E. Rogers. The family would like to extend a special thank you to McLean's Palliative and Hospice team for the wonderful care given to John.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, January 8, 2022 at the Avon Congregational Church, Avon. More details will be provided closer to the service date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Avon Congregational Church, 6 West Main St., Avon, CT 06001. Arrangements are being handled by The Ahern Funeral Homes, Inc., www.ahernfuneralhome.com.

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Verret, Richard G.

Richard "Rit" G. Verret, 69 of Canton, beloved husband of Lenore Verret, passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday, November 21, 2021. Born in Lewiston, ME on December 18, 1951, son of the late Roland Verret and Yvonne Desrosiers, Rit was an Army Veteran and Master Mechanic, retired from Galasso Materials of East Granby and a proud member of the Operating Engineers Local 478 for over 40 years.

Rit was an avid gardener and motorcycle enthusiast who could be found at any given time working in his garden- when not souping up his favorite Harleys. He was an incredibly kind and compassionate man who always put the needs of others before his own. His kindness and compassion was an innate part of who he was and this was no less evident than in the way he cared for injured and abandoned animals. The word "no" simply did not exist when it came to helping animals- whether large or small.

In addition to his loving wife Lenore, Rit leaves behind his sister, Linda Berube and her husband Al Berube as well as his brother Michael Verret. Rit also leaves behind his brother-in-law, Dave Hipler and sister-in-law, Sandie Hipler, brother-in-law, Guy Daniels and sister-in-law, Kelly Daniels as well brother-in-law, Michael Fitzsimons and sister-in-law, Darcie Fitzsimons, in addition to many nieces and nephews. Rit's wonderful smile and great sense of humor will be missed by his friends and family alike.

A private service and burial will be at the convenience of the family, however a celebration of his life will be held in the spring. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Animal Friends of Connecticut, PO Box 370306, West Hartford, CT 06137-0306. Please visit Rit's Book of Memories at www.vincentfuneralhome.com for online tributes.

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d'Avignon, Karyn Louise (Nirady)

Karyn Louise d'Avignon began the next step of her journey December 8, 2021 on a rainy, but peaceful day in Farmington, Connecticut. Born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio she grew up on a quaint street in Garfield Heights with her parents, Kelly and Julie Nirady and her brother Alan. Voted 'most intelligent' by her Garfield Heights High School players she was part of the National Honor Society and a semi finalist for the National Merit Scholarship. Her 10th Grade science project on tree leaves has become a treasured family heirloom.

She attended The Ohio State University in 1963 and while she was an indifferent Cleveland Indians fan, she was a lifelong Buckeyes supporter. She majored in biology as an undergraduate student and went on to pursue her Masters in Science degree in microbiology, studying Southeast Asian malaria on a grant from the US Army, which always impressed her children. In 1969, while working as a teaching assistant at the University of Vermont, Karyn met a young graduate student by the name of Marc B. d'Avignon. As faculty and students were not allowed to date this made the relationship even more interesting and they were caught sneaking away to Henry's Diner and other hideaways to eat good food and enjoy better company. Of course, love prevailed and after obtaining the Department Chair's permission, they were married shortly thereafter some 51 years ago in Burlington, Vermont. Eventually, they moved to Connecticut where Marc was completing his MD degree.

In order to support the young family, they both worked a series of strange jobs that none of their children could ever picture them doing. Soon, they had their first child which they named Marc E., making things easier for our new baby to be discharged to go home rather than remain in the nursery.

Together they moved to Hershey Pennsylvania even though Karyn's favorite candy was made by a competitor. Karyn had a second son, Ross as Marc was already taken twice. She loved motherhood and brought a calm joy to their lives, teaching her sons the delights and responsibilities of life well lived. And with her wise gentle guidance they grew up to realize that a debt raising them was much more difficult than studying Southeast Asian malaria. They are eternally grateful for her kindness and effort. Later through feats of mental and physical stress, she helped develop create and support her husband's solo medical practice, Westwood Imaging Center. Karyn always had a smile and got to know numerous patients, many of whom were returning annually and she enjoyed interfacing with them during these seventeen years of operation.

Not content with that, Karyn anticipated a need to drink better coffee years before the idea became fashionable and ubiquitous. She sold gourmet coffee, teas, and spices for discerning individuals and cooks. She named this business Hastings and the sign hangs with pride in the d'Avignon home to this day.

Karyn retired to a life filled with passions: birds, theater, music, and art. In summers she could be found listening to whatever was on the bill at Tanglewood and she enjoyed adding to her ever-growing collection of ticket stubs. In winters she always could be spotted in the audience at TheaterWorks in Hartford. Karyn was an avid gardener and in particular was noted for cultivating Giant 'dinner plate' Dahlias.

Karyn was and always will be an amazing woman, wife, mother and friend. She was a lion of a lamb and while everyone will miss her dearly, her husband Marc, her children Marc and Ross, her daughters-in-law, Sarita and Christina and her grandchild Connor, and the entire extended family that knew and loved her that she can be assured that we'll carry your spirit and joy with us forever.

Arrangements entrusted to Vincent Funeral Home, 120 Albany Ave, Canton, CT 06019. Donations in her memory may be made to Roaring Brook Nature Center, 70 Gracey Road, Canton, CT 06019. For online expressions of sympathy or condolences please visit Karyn's Book of Memories www.vincentfuneralhome.com. A ceremony to celebrate Karyn's life will be held in the spring when the summer birds return, and her favorite flowers are blooming.

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Gongon, Sr., Michael

Michael Gongon, Sr., 73, of Hartford, CT, entered eternal rest on Saturday, December 11, 2021. Michael was born on November 12, 1948, to the late Carlos and Rufina Gongon in Brooklyn, NY.

A celebration of Michaels's life will take place on Wednesday, December 22, 2021, at 10:00am with a visitation from 9:00am – 10:00am at Glory Chapel, 221 Greenfield Street, Hartford, CT, 06112. Interment will be held at Connecticut State Veterans Cemetery, 317 Bow Lane, Middletown, CT, 06457. To leave a message of comfort for the Gongon family, view the full obituary and livestreaming of services, please visit, www.hkhfuneralservices.com

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Joaquin, Joseph

Joseph Jonathan Joaquin passed away peacefully on Friday, Dec. 17th 2021. He was born on January 7th 1944 and was a life long resident of Colchester. He was the son of Manuel Joaquin and Bridget Roscoe. He was predeceased by his brother Richard. He is survived by his loving sister Dorothy "Dottie" Marvin and nephews. He leaves his wife Joanne whom he was married to for 50 years. A daughter Jennifer and two granddaughters Brooke and Cadence, whom he loved and adored.

Joseph graduated from Bacon Academy. He enlisted in the Navy serving on the USS Altair during the Vietnam era. Joseph attended Eastern Connecticut State College and began his successful 35 year teaching career in Marlborough. He was a well-respected teacher at the Elmer Thienes-Mary Hall Elementary School. Joseph enjoyed many wonderful experiences with principal Walter Machowski and his caring, dedicated colleagues.

Joseph was a member of the Lion's Club and the Colchester Fish and Game Club. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He had many exciting adventures with his friends. Joseph appreciated the kindness of his neighbors especially, Frank Tarnowski and Karl Stula.

The services will be privately held. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Colchester Ambulance Services, 52 Old Hartford Road, Colchester, CT. 06415. Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, in Colchester, is in charge of arrangements.

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Call, Jr., Larry David

Larry David Call, Jr., 61, of Goshen, CT passed away Sunday, December 12, 2021. Born in Greenfield, MA, son of the late Larry David and Annette (Berthiaume) Call, he was raised in Shelburne Falls, MA and lived in Goshen the past 15 years. He was an animal handler for the R.W. Commerford & Sons traveling carnival company for 15 years. He was a member of the Masonic Order in MA and enjoyed bowling, model trains, music, animals, old movies and family. Larry made friends easily everywhere he went. Willing to help anyone, he always wore a smile and made people laugh. He leaves his two sisters Rachel E. Middleton and husband Micheal of Bloomfield and Becky A. Call of Windsor; and his brother Kal Alexander of Shelbourne Falls, MA; two nephews and a great nephew. His family will receive friends Tuesday, December 28, 2021 from 2-4 PM at the Carmon Windsor Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave. Windsor. Burial will be private in West Branch Cemetery, Colrain, MA. Donations may be made to either the Heart or Cancer Associations. For directions or condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com

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Parker, Richard E.

Richard E. Parker "Dick", husband of "Jeannie" Thompson Parker, of Avon, and owner of the Little Silver Shop, died on December 13, 2021. Dick opened the Little Silver Shop in a former one-car garage in Old Avon Village and became the smallest anchor tenant of any shopping mall.

Richard is survived by his wife of 55 years, Jeannie, his sons, Thomas, Robert and his fiancée Jessie, her children, Julie and Douglas, his brother-in-law, Douglas Thompson and cousins JoAn, Nancy, Scott, Sally, Gwen, Denny and Marabeth. Dick's family will receive friends Monday, December 20, 2021, from 5-6 PM followed by a Memorial Service at 6 PM at the Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center, 301 Country Club Rd., Avon, CT. A reception will follow the service at Carmon's. Please wear masks during all the services. Memorial donations may be made to the West Avon Cemetery Association, 712 West Avon Road, Avon, CT 06001 or to the American Heart Association, 5 Brookside Drive, Wallingford, CT 06492. For directions or condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com

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Querido, John, Jr.

John Querido, Jr., 92, of Glastonbury passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, December 16, 2021. He was the beloved husband of Natalina (Jorge) Querido. Born in Fall River, MA, John was the son of the late John and Isabel (Tavares) Querido. He worked for the Town of East Hartford as a light equipment operator for many years, retiring 30 years ago. John had a tremendous love for his immediate and extended family. Care and concern for the less fortunate were a top priority for him. In addition to his wife, John is survived by his daughter, Jane Querido, of Glastonbury and his son David B. Querido, his fiancée Christine McGovern and her son Ryan Schultz of North Carolina. He was predeceased by his brother Edward Querido and his sisters Evelyn Querido Daigle and Hilda Esteves. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 22, 2021 at 10:00 am at Ss. Isidore and Maria Parish at St. Paul Church, 2577 Main St., Glastonbury. Burial will be in Mount Saint Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. Friends may call on Wednesday, December 22, 2021 from 8:30am to 9:30am at Mulryan Funeral Home, 725 Hebron Ave., Glastonbury. For online condolences, please visit www.mulryanfh.com

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Spedding, Doris F. (Gordon)

Doris Faye (Gordon) Spedding, returned to the loving arms of her Lord and Savior on Wednesday, December 15, 2021, after she graciously allowed her family to cherish her for 79 years.

Doris was born in McPherson, KS on November 2, 1942, daughter of the late Ellis and Dorothy Gordon, and the second of three daughters. Through her family's relocations for her father's career, she met her husband, Thomas Spedding, in Cheyenne, WY, from where they would leave to settle in Laramie, WY, welcoming their only child, Dina, into the world. She became a word processing supervisor for Farm Bureau Insurance before being able to realize her dream of becoming a full-time homemaker and planting the seeds of love for gardening in her family. Doris eventually retired to Windsor, CT, where she passed. From there, she continued her devotion to her faith and eventually became a hospice vigil volunteer for Masonicare. Her steadfast and loving devotion was immeasurably valuable to the people who were blessed to know her.

As a private person, she requested no public memorial service, except to request that anyone who would like could plant a perennial in her memory. Donations could be made to Masonicare at www.masonicare.org/support-masonicare/donate-now to continue their invaluable work.

Special thanks to the supporting family at Masonicare, and particularly Beth, Mike, Wanda, and Linda for the loving care they provided Doris and her family. Carmon Funeral Home has been entrusted with her arrangements.

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Klemba, Linda (Spencer)

Linda Klemba of Middletown, passed away peacefully on Wednesday December 15, 2021 surrounded by her family. She was born in Hartford Hospital, first of four children to the late Beverly and Robert G. Spencer of Rocky Hill. She was preceded in death by her brother Robert G. Spencer, Jr. Linda is survived by her beloved husband, Joseph Klemba; children, Matt, Eric, Chaz, Brandy, Zackary; grandchildren, Gabriel, Zachary, Zane, Zoe and Cole; sisters, Lorraine Worley and Susan McMullen; sisters-in-law Elaine and Linda; and many nieces and nephews. Linda was a beloved member of South Congregational Church in Middletown. She loved her gardens and Cape Cod. She also enjoyed card making, scrapbooking, sewing and traveling. Most of all Linda loved her family and friends. She will be missed by all she touched with her creativity, her compassion and loving spirit. Find her spirit in nature, at the sight of a cardinal and in the love and laughter of daily life. Funeral Services will be held on Monday (Dec. 20th) at 12 p.m. at South Congregational Church, Pleasant St., Middletown. Friends and family may call at Biega Funeral Home, 3 Silver St. Middletown, on Monday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, those who wish may send memorial contributions to Fisher House Boston, P.O. Box 230, South Walpole, MA 02071 or at www.fisherhouseboston.org. To share memories or express condolences online please visit www.biegafuneralhome.com.

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Lamkins, Kenneth J.

Kenneth J. Lamkins, 79, of Berlin, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 16, 2021 at Hartford Hospital. He was the husband of the late Kathleen A. (Zarotney) Lamkins.

Born in New Britain, he was the son of the late Royal and Malvina (Lanza) Lamkins. Ken was a former Southington resident and a Berlin resident most of his life. He was a U.S. Army Veteran and was formerly employed at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Co. Ken enjoyed carpentry, boating, shooting, and muscle cars. Ken was known for his great (and often bawdy) sense of humor, which he maintained throughout his life despite his health challenges.

Surviving are four children, Karrie Morin and her fiancé Lucian Zocco, Kandi Della Bella and her husband Pete, Kenneth M. Lamkins, Kevin Lamkins and his wife Carolyn Young; a brother, Royal Lamkins and his wife Mary; three grandchildren, Zachary, Stephanie, and John; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday December 22 at 10 AM at Erickson-Hansen Funeral Home, 411 So. Main St. New Britain. Burial, with military honors, will be in Wilcox Cemetery, East Berlin. Calling hours are Tuesday December 21 from 4-7 PM and Wednesday from 9 AM until the time of the service at the funeral home. Masks and social distancing will be required. Memorial donations may be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation (www.michaeljfox.org). Please share a memory of Kenneth with the family in the online guest book @ www.ericksonhansen.com.

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Piretti, Mary Elizabeth (Sullivan)

Mary Elizabeth (Sullivan) Piretti, 72, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at West Hartford Rehabilitation Center. Born in Bridgeport, she was the daughter of the late Timothy and Mary (Keating) Sullivan. She was a graduate of Housatonic Community College. Mary worked as a Technician for various hospital and laboratories in Connecticut and retired from Hartford Hospital.

She is survived by her daughter, Meghan Piretti; grandchildren, Hailey, Lilly and Mikey Joseph; her brother, Patrick Sullivan and his wife Deborah; sisters-in-law, Beth Herde and husband Glenn and Susan Neri; a niece and several nephews including Christopher Sullivan and wife Carrie and Kevin Sullivan and wife Rachel. She was predeceased by her brother, Deacon Timothy Sullivan.

Funeral Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, December 22nd at St. Patrick's Church in Collinsville. Private burial will be in St. James Cemetery in Naugatuck. The Vincent Funeral Home of Canton is caring for the arrangements. Please visit Mary's "Book of Memories" at www.vincentfuneralhome.com for online tributes.

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Vannais, Charles Thomas

Charles "Charlie" Thomas Vannais, 58, of Unionville, passed away peacefully with his family at his side on Wednesday, December 15, 2021. Charlie was loved and respected by all who knew him. He always had a laugh and kind word to say. Though he struggled his whole life with medical issues, he remained positive until the end. Charlie graduated from Windham High School and worked on the switchboard at New Horizons Village. He is survived by his mother Rev. Dr. Susan Prichard of Coventry, his sister, Sara-Lynn Vannais of Coventry, sister Cynthia Thomas (Caleb Solomon) of Boston, sister-in-law Dulcie Vannais of Willington and several nieces and nephews; Zachary Vannais of Cape Cod, Sydney Goodwin (Austin Miller) of Willimantic, AJ. Rooks of Coventry, Joshua, Brianna and Samantha Vannais all of Willington and two dear friends Jennifer Carver and Erin Lanconi. Charlie was predeceased by his father Jeffrey Vannais of Wales, MA., and two brothers Jason Vannais of Coventry and Kevin Vannais of Rockville. Charlie was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan his whole life and had a huge crush on Olivia Newton John. There will be a gathering to remember Charlie at a date, time and place to be announced. There are no calling hours. Memorial contributions may be made to New Horizon Village, 37 Bliss Memorial Road, Unionville, CT 06085. Ladd-Turkington & Carmon Funeral Home, Vernon, has care of the arrangements. To leave an online condolence please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com

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Longworth, Robert "Bob" Samuel, Jr.

LONGWORTH, ROBERT "BOB" SAMUEL, JR., age 58 of Scottsdale, AZ, passed away suddenly on December 7, 2021. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert S. and Joan Robinson Longworth. He is survived by his daughter, Jennifer E. Longworth and her wife Danielle (Kelly) of Prescott, AZ; two brothers, Richard Longworth and his wife Robin of Durham, CT, and David Longworth and his wife Nancy of Meriden, CT; nieces Jacqueline, Katherine, Amanda, and Andrea; nephew Samuel; and two beloved dogs, BeBe and Bosley.

Bob grew up in Portland, CT and spent his summers in Westbrook, CT, where he made lifelong friends. His musical appreciation started early on with violin lessons, but that was just the beginning. Bob shared his love of music with his daughter Jennifer soon after she was born; he would often drive her around the neighborhood playing The Doors. During college at Western Connecticut State University, Bob was known as "the Bullet" when he was a disc jockey for WXCI and filled the air with progressive rock. Bob earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business and Corporate Communications; both areas he pursued soon after graduating.

Bob's entrepreneurial spirit and vision for helping people with disabilities led him to start Adaptive Wheelchair Designs, Inc. with his former wife, Christine Lichtenstein (Longworth). This would later inspire their daughter to start her own businesses; Bob's innovation, work ethic, and many proficiencies influenced Jennifer significantly. Following the sale of that company in 2000, Bob took a vacation to Scottsdale, AZ, and immediately knew he wanted to relocate to the Southwest.

Bob moved to Scottsdale in 2003 and became a licensed Realtor with Keller Williams Arizona Realty, with whom he stayed throughout his career. In 2009, he decided to split time with real estate and take on an opportunity to become a partner at Scottsdale Gold & Silver Exchange, LLC, a precious metals firm for the next five years. No matter the arena, Bob offered his clients an outstanding level of service. His high standard of integrity contributed to his success. He treated his clients like family, and his own family was always very important to him.

He loved spending time at the Connecticut shoreline, playing golf with his buddies, going to concerts, and being with his girlfriend Teri. He was an avid New York Yankees and Jets fan. He had a witty sense of humor. Without a doubt, Bob was a connoisseur of having a great time and was a magnet for friendship. He had the biggest heart and believed in giving back: he donated blood to the American Red Cross regularly; he supported "Beer for Brains," a program that fundraises for children with brain tumors; and he was an advocate for the Cavalier Rescue Foundation.

A Celebration of Life will be held in his honor in both Arizona and Connecticut at a later date.
In lieu of flowers, please donate to any charity that reflects your remembrance of Bob.

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Jones, Eunice (Craddock)

Eunice (Craddock) Jones born on March 19, 1937, to the late Roy Craddock, II and Elizabeth (Grimes) Craddock of Eufaula, Alabama departed this life on December 6, 2021. Eunice was predeceased by Luda Edward Jones, Sr, and her son Luda Edward. Jones, Jr. and now leaves to cherish her memory two daughters, Michelle Jones-Williams (Gregory) of Columbia, South Carolina, and Monique Y. Jones (Kevin) of Hanover, Maryland, and brother Roy Craddock, III of Manchester, Connecticut, five grandchildren, Ryan Jones, Kohlbi McPhail, Wynter Williams, Kevin A. Jones, Jr., and Edward A. Jones, four great-grandchildren JaSaan, Jilani, Alexia, Alejia, and a host of family and close friends. Eunice's faith in God the Father, Christ our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter was unshakable. Those that knew Eunice are living testimony to her faith filled life.

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In Loving Memory Of
MICHAEL D JACKSON

10/23/57-12/18/20
A year ago today, you transitioned from this earthly life, to eternal life. Life has not been the same without you. You are too precious to be forgotten, and too priceless to replace, as we continue to carry on your legacy. Mike, your family and friends will never forget you, as you were the one that asked for so little but gave so very much. Rest In Our Love… Until We Meet Again.

In Loving Memory Of
AGNES & MARTIN LINSKEY

12/19/1922 - 9/9/2004 & 7/10/1923 - 12/25/1988
Pop, Grandpa, Ma, Grammy
We love you, we miss you.
Love, Trina, Brandon, Brianna, Amy, Evan, Ethan, Sara and Butch

In Loving Memory Of
ARLINE H STEGER

01/21/1919 - 12/19/2006
Thinking of you today and remembering you always. Your loving husband, Henry Steger, and family.

Matava, Noreen K.

Noreen K. Matava, loving wife of Paul "Jerry" Matava, passed away peacefully on Saturday December 11, 2021. Per Noreen's wishes all services will be private. Arrangements are being handled by The Ahern Funeral Homes, Inc., www.ahernfuneralhome.com.

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Walton, Louise Palmer

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Louise Palmer Walton of Andover.
Louise was born and raised in Andover and lived there for her entire 83 years. She leaves behind her beloved husband of 67 years, Richard Walton. She also leaves her 5 children, John Walton (Cathy) of Maine, Joseph Walton (Janie) of Florida, Lucy Walton Durocher (Leo) of Storrs, Louise "Twig" Walton O'Brien (Chris) of Andover, and Leigh Walton Valliere (Mark) of Lebanon. She was the proud grandmother of 11 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. She also leaves her soul mate, best friend and twin sister, Lucille Palmer Munsell of Coventry; a sister, Alice Palmer Selbert of Ohio; sister-in-law, Beverly Smith of Rockville and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, Clarence and Lois Smith Palmer; her brothers, Leon, Earl and Warren Palmer; and her sisters, Avis Palmer and Audrey Palmer.
Louise was the greatest wife, mother, grandmother and sister that anyone could ask for. She loved her crafts and cribbage. She will be greatly missed by all of those who were fortunate enough to have known her.
Services will be private. We ask that donations in her memory be made to the Andover Volunteer Fire Department, 11 School Rd., Andover, CT 06232 or the Norton Children's Fund Commission, 1 School Rd., Andover. For online condolences please visit: www.pietrasfuneralhome.com

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Mancini, Luigi

Luigi Mancini, 101, of Wethersfield, passed away peacefully on December 17, 2021 at Saint Mary Home in West Hartford. He was born to the late Ralph and Anna (Guglioti) Mancini in Pontelandolfo, Province of Benevento, Italy, on February 2, 1920. He served in the Italian Army during World War II, in which he was a prisoner of war for 7 years. Luigi came to America in 1950 from Italy after marrying his beloved Giacondina. After coming to America, Luigi found work as a construction worker and worked for many years at Rizzo Construction.
Luigi is survived by his son Ralph Mancini, of Wethersfield as well as his nieces and nephews, Joe, Tony, Nick, Anna and Ralph Mancini.
A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 10:00AM in the Cedar Hill Cemetery, Section 24. For further information, or to leave a condolence, please visit FarleySullivan.com

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Neiley, Lois C.

Lois (Pompi) Neiley, 77, of Norfolk, CT, wife of Glenn Tillotson, passed away peacefully at home after a long illness.
Lois was originally from Lee, MA and relocated to Connecticut in 1969. She was a lifelong resident of the northwest corner, residing in Winchester Center for much of her time before relocating to Norfolk where she met and married Glenn Tillotson. Survivors include her children, Bruce Brewer of Bluffton, SC. and Heather Augeri of Harwinton, CT. Her grandchildren, Sofia Salgado, Nicholas Brewer and RJ Brewer and her siblings, Louis Allen Pompi, Carole Quinn, Christine McCormack, Marcia Durcharme, Marie Regnier, and Janet Warner. Lois was predeceased by her parents Louis Pompi and Marjorie (Whittaker) Pompi.
Lois did not wish for a funeral or memorial service as that was not her way, there will be a party to celebrate. As a lifelong animal lover Lois requested that memorial contributions be made to Litchfield Hills Mobile Veterinary Clinic, 372 Greenwoods Rd. West, Norfolk, CT. 06058.
To offer an online condolence, please visit gleesonryanfh.com

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Powers, Mary Anne

Mary Anne Powers, age 62, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, December 14, 2021. She was born in Hartford, the daughter of the late Helena and Frank Powers. Mary Anne was born with several severe physical challenges and was cared for first by her parents, then at the Mansfield State Training School and her last years were spent at the Boyd Street Group Home in Winsted. During her first years at the home, Mary Anne was able to enjoy numerous outings with staff as well as other activities. At Boyd Street, staff noted how much she liked the TV soap opera "The Young and The Restless", especially the character Victor. They also found her to be a happy and cooperative person. Everyone who knew her remembers what a large and beautiful smile she had. We would like to express our gratitude to Kim and her staff at Boyd Street for their great care of Mary Anne.
Mary Anne is survived by cousins Mark and Marnie Honiberg and Rosemary Rogers.
A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, December 21 at 10:00 am at St. Mary Church, 626 Willard Avenue, Newington. A private burial will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery in Rocky Hill. Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com

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By William T. Zempsky and Juan C. Salazar

Pediatric research is the key to understanding childhood diseases, chronic conditions and injuries, and can lead to the development of new medicines, treatments, or approaches to caring for youth. Many innovations in child health that might be familiar — such as preventing sudden infant death syndrome, saving lives with car seats and safety belts, vaccinations for myriad deadly childhood diseases, and improvement in survival rate of some childhood cancers from 20% to 90% — have come about because of years of research.

Pediatric researchers bring this cutting-edge science to the bedside. Yet medical research, particularly pediatric research, is at a time of peril. The competition for limited federal research funding becomes more intense with each passing year. Funding by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is distributed unevenly. According to NIH.gov, pediatric research received only 12.6% of available NIH research dollars in 2020, while children under 18 account for 22.3% of the U.S. population.

NIH funding for Alzheimer's research increased 450% from 2013-2020; funding for pediatric research increased 66%.

Our vision at Connecticut Children's is to make the children of Connecticut the healthiest in the country. Research is essential for us to achieve this goal. While many in the region know us for our clinical care, fewer recognize the transformational research and innovation that is performed by our faculty and staff. Most don't know that we have a leading inflammatory bowel disease research program, or that we have performed gene therapy in rare diseases such as spinal muscular atrophy or glycogen storage disease.

Others will be surprised that we are one of only eight programs funded to investigate COVID-19-related inflammatory disease, or that our injury prevention center has been a leader in research on firearms, child safety seats, and now teen suicide. How about our chief of surgery's innovative research in the development of an artificial esophagus, which might not save only children with congenital abnormalities but adults with cancer? Meanwhile, the therapy of every child with cancer seen at Connecticut Children's is determined by carefully designed research protocols.

To ensure the health of Connecticut's children, we have launched the Connecticut Children's Research Insti-

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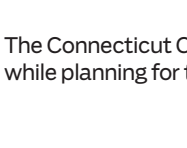
Rules apply to all, including Chief State's Attorney Colangelo



Kevin Rennie

Chief State's Attorney Richard Colangelo is learning that containing a scandal is more difficult than it looks at the beginning. The veteran of the prosecutor's office withheld emails pertaining to his 2020 hiring of the state's deputy budget director's daughter for a $99,000 a year job.

Last summer, I submitted a request under the Freedom of Information Act to the Division of Criminal Justice, which Colangelo has headed since January 2020, seeking all documents pertaining to the hiring of Anastasia Diamantis for an executive assistant position in Colangelo's office. At the end of July, I received 23 pages of documents.

After reading those 23 pages numerous times, I wrote an Oct. 1 column revealing and raising questions about Colangelo hiring Ms. Diamantis, the daughter of then-deputy budget director Kostantinos Diamantis. Ms. Diamantis, at the time of her hire, had a $60,000 a year job as an assistant to a disability claims examiner in the state's Department of Rehabilitation Services. Her resume and application revealed nothing that made her qualified for the executive assistant job. Colangelo's spokesperson declined to explain why Ms. Diamantis was the only person interviewed.

In late October, Gov. Ned Lamont suspended Kostantinos Diamantis from his job. Diamantis retired and accused the governor's top aides of using the hiring story as a pretext to get rid of him and conceal their own incompetence.

Jacqueline Rabe Thomas of Connecticut Public Radio and the CT Mirror's Mark Pazniokas began reporting on the story weeks after my first column appeared. Their stories included references to documents that fell within the requests I made of Colangelo's office but were not given to me.

In November, I requested all emails between Colangelo and Mr. Diamantis. The documents I received on Dec. 3 from Colangelo's spokesperson, former Hartford Courant reporter Alaine Griffin, did not include two critical emails between Colangelo and Mr. Diamantis. Those emails suggest Mr. Diamantis cleared last minute obstacles to Colangelo hiring Anastasia Diamantis. They were not withheld from Thomas, and she referred to them in a Dec. 3 story.

All of us depend on the honor of public officials to disclose documents the law requires government to produce. "Honor systems, however, only work when people are honorable," ABC News reporter Jonathan Karl observes in his recent book, "Betrayal-The Final Act of The Trump Show." Colangelo and his office failed on two occasions to honor their obligation.

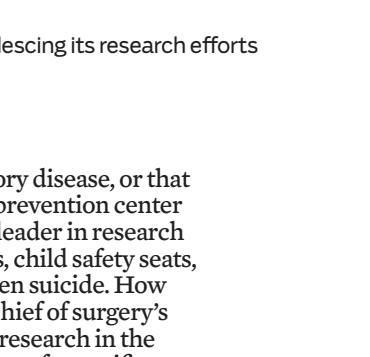
In the nearly 20 years I have been writing this column, I have made scores of requests for documents. I've almost always felt confident that an agency or official, however uncomfortable they were providing a document, was not concealing what the law required to be revealed. It will be up to Freedom of Information Commission to adjudicate my matter.

The wider implications of Colangelo's office's actions undermine the integrity of our criminal justice system. Prosecutors across the nation are obligated to provide judges and grand juries full disclosure of facts as they seek to prosecute crimes. They have a more critical obligation to disclose information to defendants and their lawyers.

We have all read stories of men and women convicted of crimes because prosecutors withheld exculpatory information they were obligated to give to the defense. Unjust convictions are a stain on our nation, however they occur, but especially when caused by a prosecutor's misconduct.

Public officials, especially prosecutors, must conduct their business in a manner that ultimately makes their practices clear to the public. The Lamont administration is using the services of a lawyer in private practice, former federal prosecutor Stanley Twardy, to investigate the growing Diamantis hiring scandal. Last week, I shared my skepticism of how far the Lamont-contracted inquiry will follow the trail that was revealed here in October.

Twardy will need to use his formal authority as well his power to persuade through reason to examine more than routine public documents. Much public business is conducted through private channels. Those records are public, too.



Richard J. Colangelo Jr. serves as Connecticut's chief state's attorney. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

The decline of confidence in public institutions continues to damage our nation and the aspirations of free people around the world. Faith in justice is bolstered in small increments when the powerful obey the rules day after day. That faith begins to buckle when those same people invested with the public trust decide those rules no longer apply to them.

OPINION

OP-ED

Students not ready for difficult political future

By John J. Petillo

As 2021 nears its tumultuous end and the fall semester wraps up, I cannot help but wonder what chaos and new challenges our students will return to in 2022, beyond the academic trials they face and continuing adjustments to young adulthood. I ponder how well-informed they will be about the world around them and how they will face the significant dangers from within our borders, including the rise of fascist ideologies, racism and demagoguery, the politicizing of religion and media, intense polarization, the decay of liberties and the relentless attacks on truth and our democratic principles.

If this year was any indication, we, as educational leaders, might not deserve a good grade for how well we have prepared our charges for the evolving social and political infrastructures.

We have done a good job in the classroom, despite the pandemic, focused on STEM and business, science and health care, technology and research, but I am concerned about arming our next generation of leaders with the tools they need to deal with the near future, particularly the onslaught of blind partisanship, the instilling of fear of differences as the motivator for protest and violence, the relentless pursuit of power at any costs and the unfathomable willingness by so many people to disregard facts when they are not convenient, emotionally comforting or socially useful.

We are approaching the one-year mark of a vile stain on liberty, the Jan. 6 insurrection, which itself was the crest of anti-democratic efforts to cast doubt on and steal a fair election.

Supporters of then-President Donald Trump during the attack on the U.S. Capitol in Washington on Jan. 6. **JASON ANDREW/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

Whether you supported President Joe Biden or not, he won the election in a battle where electoral malfeasance was perpetrated by those who were unhappy with the results and were willing to perpetuate lies and denigrate the pillars of our republic to retain power.

That denigration continues thanks to unending gerrymandering and new policies and laws intended to make voting more difficult, especially for minorities, the poor and those living in rural areas. We should be doing just the opposite: determining how best to ensure that every American can easily and safely vote in local, state and national elections, regardless of whom they support.

Our institutes of higher learning need to teach the importance of listening with open minds; we must encourage listening to alternative opinions and using facts, not rhetoric and ideology, to form judgment and beliefs and to prompt action. A college education should embrace people's differences and teach the importance of personal responsibility, truth and service.

To that end, students (and faculty and staff) should be outraged by the behaviors they are witnessing. Politicians rise and fall ... much is cyclical, but without a strong ethical and moral compass to guide them, people's worst ambitions and fears can be franchised and manipulated.

Recklessness abounds; it is apparent that we totter on the edge of tyranny, with the liberties we have long fought for and the values we claim to uphold at certain risk.

Institutions of higher learning might be the last bastion of support for true democracy. While we pursue vocational preparedness, we should never forget the priority to instill critical thinking skills and to be a safe harbor and a reliable place for discourse, protest and differences. We must take a stand — no matter the consequences from those around us who would prefer to stifle dissent. We must be places of comfort in the free and open discussion of differences. Bullying is not part of democracy, but rather a weapon of the insecure and ignorant.

Sadly, it will be up to students — our youth — to right these wrongs and teach us to collaborate more effectively within our communities and nationally. The mantle of responsibility will pass to them to change laws, to protect the innocent and guarantee the rights of all Americans, to ensure economic stability, pursue unfettered access to education, health care and ballot boxes, clean up the planet and to alter the direction of this troubled ark.

It's a lot to ask, but maybe they are just passionate enough to do a better job than we have been doing.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Blue Dog Democrats? What a joke

I read with amusement the story on "Blue Dog Democrats" [Page 1, Nov. 28, "'Blue Dogs' raising money, speaking out"]. What a whopper. Do moderate Democratic legislators even exist in Connecticut? Anyone can say anything nowadays, but the proof is in the votes. Is recreational marijuana moderate? Is expanded sports gambling? How about paid family leave? And what about the rest of the tax increases and anti-business legislation that have passed and become law in Connecticut in the past 20-something years of one-party rule in our formerly well-managed state?

I believe most state voters are moderate. But the ruling party senses trouble and is trying to get in front of it with "better messaging." And after they win, it will continue with the same old, same old. As Jay Leno would say, "Moderate Democrats in Connecticut? Oh shut up!"

James Marsh, Simsbury

Disturbing action by Ellington Board of Ed

Members of the Ellington Board of Education showed a frightening lack of understanding of public health, COVID-19 and their responsibility to their students [Page 1, Dec. 13, "Ellington board objects to mask rule"]. Masks on unvaccinated athletes will protect unvaccinated athletes from infecting each other with a deadly disease. Whatever psychological discomfort the mask-wearing might cause is inconsequential in comparison to that.

If the board thinks children are largely unaffected by COVID-19, they are living in 2020. Delta infects children more often and more severely than the alpha variant. Omicron is far more transmissible than even delta and we don't yet know how it affects children, but the Ellington Board of Education wants that experiment run on its students. This is the height of irresponsibility. Omicron is spreading fast. The U.S. will look like Europe in January. If having to wear masks while competing encourages athletes to get vaccinated, that's a very good thing. This is not about ideology. It's about life and death.

Lynn Olson-Teodoro, West Hartford

History will be kind to Michael Pence

I have never been a Michael Pence fan, but given all that was occurring before and during the Jan. 6 insurrection at the Capitol, I believe his insistence on certifying the 2020 election, as required, might be a singular action that enables us to save our democracy. His integrity, sense of nationalism and unwillingness to break the law ultimately will give him a unique place in the country's history.

Just imagine where we would be if he had not followed through on the election certification?

John E. Walsh, West Hartford

So many reasons for gun restrictions after Newtown

There are few things in the news that take my breath away [Page 1, Dec. 14, "We have to do More"]. The fact that there have been 350,000 gun-related deaths in this country since the Newtown tragedy and the fact that after 26 innocent children and educators were murdered by an obviously mentally ill man, not only have things not significantly changed for the better, they have gotten worse. Just today, on the front page of The Courant, there are articles about five additional people who have been killed in gun violence.

I appreciate the efforts Sens. Chris Murphy and Richard Blumenthal have made to combat this scourge. When are we as a nation going to join the rest of the civilized world and have gun restrictions that stop this madness? Hopefully before you or your loved ones are the next victim.

Paul M. Rosin, Harwinton

Courant making it harder on seniors

Expressing my opinion related to The Courant's changes: First, the weather chart now appears in the Sports section. Why not print The Courant's advertisement portion in another spot, leaving room at the top of Page 2 for weather? It appears that the amount of ink expended on bold-font headlines is considerably reduced by the time you print the Obituary section. Not to mention the recent reduction in font size and wasted space where names and towns are now listed. For most seniors who read this page first, we now need magnifying glasses. Families take time and put thought in writing their loved ones' legacy. Why should a funeral parlor's logo be larger and bolder than the name of the deceased?

In regard to Puzzle page: Please consider more challenging brain teasers for seniors and bring back Cryptograms.

Linda Chamberlain, East Hartford

Wearing a mask is not an issue of 'rights'

It has been one year since the first vaccines were available, and over 800,000 have died. There are too many who won't get a shot for some dumb reason or another, let alone wear a mask. Why? It's just stupid not to protect yourself, your family and your community. They claim their "rights," but what about the rights of the hundreds they could infect? Please, save lives; get your vaccination. You could save your own life.

Barbara Ouellett, Plymouth

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tute (CCRI). That's where we are coalescing our research efforts while planning for the future. Much of our success now and then will focus on collaboration with our strong neighbors at the UConn medical school and Jackson Laboratories, where our translational science research is carried out, as well as at Hartford Healthcare and UConn. Collaborations such as these leverage the synergistic abilities of our partners to advance child health research and child well-being and move closer to our goal of being the focal point of pediatric health research and innovation in Connecticut.

Why is this important? For two reasons. First, in order to advance pediatric health care, we must provide direct connections between patient care and cutting-edge researchers. Every child who comes to Connecticut Children's should have the opportunity to be cared for by clinicians who are working in a culture of innovation and advancement. The crises that afflict our youth, such as discrimination, obesity and mental health, need a broad population health focus with research at its core.

Exterior view of the Connecticut Children's Medical Center. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**

Secondly, CCRI will generate economic opportunity. Our partnerships with academic institutions as well as industry promise to bring more investment to central Connecticut. CCRI will be a magnet for child health researchers seeking an opportunity to flourish, bringing the best and brightest to our region. These are the leaders we want to care for our children.

In 2021, CCRI received over $13 million in grant funding from federal and private sources. We recognize we will need more to achieve our vision. Research grants alone won't get us there.

Every day our investigators work to secure more funding, often taking them away from research at the bench or bedside. We are actively mentoring our junior faculty and fellows to be leaders in research and innovation, but development can take years and is costly. Notably, national centers of pediatric research excellence at Children's Mercy in Kansas City and Lurie Children's in Chicago have recently received strong local support to achieve their goals.

We look to Connecticut to support our vision for our children, for their health and for their future.

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COMMENTARY

2 reasons Trump is stronger than he looks for 2024

By Ramesh Ponnuru
Bloomberg Opinion

People who think that Donald Trump's influence on the Republican Party has been mostly malign are always looking for signs that it is fading.

Matt Lewis, writing in the Daily Beast, sees several such indicators, from the empty seats at recent Trump events to the struggles of some of the candidates he has endorsed. Josh Kraushaar, a columnist for National Journal, thinks Trump has handed his opponents in the party an opportunity by backing former Sen. David Perdue's primary challenge to Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp. If they help Kemp withstand it, they will liberate other Republicans from the need to stay supine before Trump.

A lot of anti-Trump Republicans took heart in November, too, from Glenn Youngkin's victory in Virginia's governor's race, since it suggested that their party can regain some of the voters Trump repelled from the party while holding on to the ones he recruited to it.

The obvious bad news for Trump's opponents — something neither Lewis nor Kraushaar denies — is that Trump retains great strength in the party and remains its most powerful leader. The less obvious bad news is that he is also stronger than he looks. There are two reasons for this hidden strength. The first has to do with Republican voters' interest in winning the 2024 election.

Anti-Trump Republicans will seek to persuade them that they will lose to the Democrats if Trump is again the nominee. Trump has been consistently unpopular, he lost reelection, and he has increasingly concentrated on his personal grievances rather than issues of direct concern to most voters.

Losing a presidential election, and especially a reelection, typically hurts a candidate's political reputation so badly that he can't try a comeback four years later. Trump's nonsense about having won the last campaign in a landslide, only to have it stolen from him, is partly about avoiding an exile to loserdom. But it's not just myths about 2020 that will lead Republican voters to think he is a viable candidate for 2024. There's also the reality that, well, he's a viable candidate for 2024.

A Wall Street Journal poll in December put him only one point behind Biden in a rematch. A different poll had Trump ahead by two last month. Of course, it is very early, and Democrats may be at a low ebb.

The takeaway from these polls is merely that Trump isn't a sure loser. If Democrats are struggling in 2024, his enthusiastic supporters might again combine with those voters who grudgingly prefer him to the Democrats to give him an electoral majority.

The second reason Trump has more power over Republicans than it looks is that his influence depends as much on the depth of his support as on its breadth. Some Republicans who wish Trump would fade away have taken solace in polls that show voters increasingly likely to call themselves primarily Republicans rather than Trump supporters. (In October 2020, Trump-first voters outnumbered Republican-first voters 59-30; this month, the split is 42-50.)

Let's say, though, that the Trump-first number shrinks much further, to 10% of right-leaning voters. If Trump is willing and able to convince that 10% not to vote for Republican candidates he dislikes, Republicans won't be able to win races in a lot of places. And we know he's willing to do it.

Jonathan Karl of ABC has reported that on the last day of his presidency, Trump threatened to destroy the Republican Party by starting a new one. That was two weeks after he had cost Republicans two Senate seats and consequently control of the chamber by attacking Georgia Republican officials and casting doubt about whether elections were administered honestly.

Since then, Trump has openly talked about how Republican voters won't show up in 2022 or 2024 if Republicans don't "solve the Presidential Election Fraud of 2020" — which can easily be read as a threat against Republicans who don't indulge his landslide fantasy.

If Kemp beats Perdue in the primary, Trump will likely campaign against him in the general election without worrying that a Democrat will profit from it. If Kemp then loses, Republicans looking for lessons about Trump will pay more attention to the end of his governorship than his primary victory.

Trump is, in short, well-protected against the electability argument his Republican opponents would most like to make, and he stands apart from his would-be rivals in his indifference to anything but his own self-interest. Like it or not — and I really, really don't — these are both political assets for him that have a good shot to endure.

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Rittenhouse, self-defense and race

By Amy Swearer
The Heritage Foundation

Kyle Rittenhouse listens to his attorney as he takes the stand Nov. 10 during his trial in Kenosha, Wisconsin. SEAN KRAJACIC/THE KENOSHA NEWS

The acquittal of Kyle Rittenhouse last month on charges related to his Aug. 25, 2020, shooting of three white men during a chaotic night of destructive civil unrest in Kenosha, Wisconsin, should have surprised no one who watched the trial with an open mind and a basic understanding of self-defense laws. Yet countless blue-check pundits on social media lost their collective minds in a race-baiting game of "What if Rittenhouse were Black?"

The hot takes abounded. Some highly followed commentators went so far as to explicitly assert that no person of color could ever intentionally shoot someone and be acquitted on grounds of lawful self-defense.

The idea that self-defense is a legal justification largely for white Americans and that no jury would ever acquit defendants of color who claim they acted in self-defense is absurdly reductive.

It's also easily disprovable with a basic Google search.

Consider just some of the many nonwhite defendants acquitted of murder or attempted murder in recent years because of successful self-defense claims:

Tony Bristol — A jury acquitted Bristol on all charges after he fatally shot one man and wounded another at a nightclub. The prosecution argued that Bristol intentionally armed himself with a gun just before the confrontation and shot the two unarmed men — one in the back— over a long-standing interpersonal dispute. Bristol argued that he shot in self-defense after the men threatened him, and that he reasonably believed they were armed and posed an imminent danger.

Stephen Spencer — Spencer, a concealed carry permit holder, was acquitted by a mostly white jury who believed he fatally shot a white man in self-defense during a race-related dispute.

Jaron Moore — Moore admitted to fatally shooting Reginald Frank following an argument at Frank's home, but claimed he acted in self-defense after Frank produced a gun. The jury acquitted Moore despite the prosecution's argument that Frank was unarmed and that Moore was the initial aggressor who "went to the victim's home to inject himself into an argument he didn't belong in."

Jesus Lima — Prosecutors argued that the 18-year-old Lima was the initial aggressor who knowingly brought a gun to a confrontation outside of a liquor store in which he fatally shot another man, and that he had previously threatened one of the men involved in the confrontation. He was nonetheless acquitted after testifying that he was attacked by a group of five men and retreated for over 20 yards before drawing his gun.

Additional examples of exonerated defendants abound: Nehemiah Martin (April 2021), Kavante Wright (June 2021), Kenneth Ray Smith (October 2021) and Demarcus Glenn (October 2021) to name a few.

And this is to say nothing of the recent and readily researchable cases where defendants of color were charged with serious felonies, but had those charges dropped by prosecutors long before trial because the state believed it couldn't disprove a claim of self-defense — defendants like Ajay Alvarez (May 2021), Robert Chesser (September 2021) and Jawaun Thompson (June 2021).

If the talking heads of social media aren't aware of these cases, it's hardly surprising that they're unaware of the many cases where white defendants did not successfully "get away with murder" by "just claiming self-defense."

Ironically, just a week after the Rittenhouse verdict, a jury in Georgia convicted three white men of murder in the shooting death of Ahmaud Arbery, a Black man, discounting their claim of self-defense. This is far from the only recent example of white defendants unsuccessfully raising claims of self-defense, including against Black victims:

Anthony James Trifiletti — The 24-year-old Triffiletti was convicted of murder for fatally shooting a Black man after a minor traffic accident. Trifilleti claimed he acted in self-defense and feared the man — who was ultimately unarmed — was reaching for a gun.

Michael McKinney — A white Army veteran was sentenced to over a decade in prison for shooting and wounding a Black teenage girl when he fired into a vehicle encircled by political rally participants. The man initially claimed he "felt he was in danger" and was merely protecting himself.

Michael Drejka — A jury convicted Drejka of manslaughter for fatally shooting Markeis McGlockton, a Black man, during a confrontation over a disabled parking spot. Drejka claimed he acted in self-defense after an unarmed McGlockton shoved him to the ground and stepped toward him.

The American criminal justice system is imperfect. But simplistic, race-baiting narratives about self-defense claims distract from real problems and racial disparities.

A Black Kyle Rittenhouse, tried under those same circumstances and with all relevant interactions equally caught on video, very likely raises a successful claim of self-defense — a justification entirely warranted under the law, based on the evidence.

In a sensible world, we would at least acknowledge this, and stop demagoguing successful self-defense claims based on the defendant's race.

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After 11 months of Biden, who's appeasing Putin now?

By Eli Lake
Bloomberg Opinion

On the campaign trail in 2020, then candidate Joe Biden posed as hawk on Russia. In response to reports (later discredited) that then President Donald Trump had ignored intelligence suggesting Russia had paid for bounties on U.S. forces in Afghanistan, Biden declared that Trump's "entire presidency has been a gift to Putin."

Biden's attitude was partly explained by his party's obsession with the (also discredited) theory that Trump conspired with Russia to win the 2016 election. And Trump's own inexplicable sycophancy toward Russian President Vladimir Putin bolstered this Democratic narrative. So it's understandable that some voters believed Biden would take a harder line on Putin than Trump.

Eleven months into Biden's presidency, that harder line has yet to emerge. In the current crisis in Ukraine, for example, Biden and his administration have told Putin that there will be devastating sanctions if he orders the troops amassed on Ukraine's border to invade. At the same time, Biden has invited Putin to a NATO summit to air his grievances about the alliance he seeks to break apart. The Biden administration has also sent mixed messages on whether Ukraine should give separatists in the Donbas region special political status before Russia withdraws its forces and dismantles the illegal armed groups it created during its first invasion of Ukraine in 2014.

Another aspect of Biden's policy is that coercive measures against Russia are proposed as a consequence only if it invades. This makes Putin's destabilizing troop buildup on Ukraine's border essentially cost-free. Biden still hasn't used his congressionally mandated authority to send up to $200 million in military aid to Ukraine, an authority that exists for just this type of an emergency. Last week a group of Democratic House lawmakers urged the White House to tap this fund.

The Biden administration has also declined to enforce significant sanctions against the Nord Stream 2 pipeline, which would bypass Ukraine and provide natural gas directly to Germany, depriving the struggling Ukrainian country of a critical source of revenue and a hedge against Russian belligerence. The U.S. has hinted that such sanctions would be enforced if there were an invasion, but for now Russia has a path to securing one of Putin's strategic priorities. The lack of action has caught the attention of Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskiy. "It is important to have sanctions applied before, rather than after, the conflict would happen," he told reporters this week. "If they were applied after the conflict would happen, this would basically make them meaningless."

Biden's approach to Russia is part of a pattern. Consider the lack of response to Russia's hack earlier this year of the Colonial oil pipeline, which led to gasoline shortages across the U.S. Biden warned Putin that the U.S. would respond if Russian hackers targeted critical infrastructure again, but did not respond to the pipeline hack itself.

Biden also appeased Russia during the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan. Initially, the U.S. wanted counterterrorism agreements with Afghanistan's neighbors, such as Uzbekistan and Tajikistan. But Russia instructed those governments to decline to meet with the U.S., leading the Biden administration to pursue a counterterrorism partnership with Russia instead. This is a tacit acknowledgment of Putin's claim to hold dominion over the republics that were once part of the Soviet Union.

Alina Polyokova, the president and CEO of the Center for European Policy Analysis, told me that while she has been pleased with some of the recent rhetoric from the administration, many of her interlocutors in Eastern Europe are shocked that Biden has not pursued a more hawkish policy against Russia. "A lot of this is revealing that much of the criticism of Russia from the Democratic side was because of Trump and doesn't reflect policy," she said.

This presents a political crisis for Democrats, in addition to the strategic crisis in Ukraine. For four years, Democrats portrayed themselves as a party of Russia hawks, in contrast to a president they saw as Putin's lackey. But since Biden came into office, his administration has stopped enforcing major sanctions on Russia's pipeline to Germany, held off on punishing Russian hacks of critical infrastructure and now seeks to deter a Russian invasion of Ukraine with threats alone.

Some might call that appeasement. Others might say Biden's presidency so far has been a gift to Vladimir Putin.

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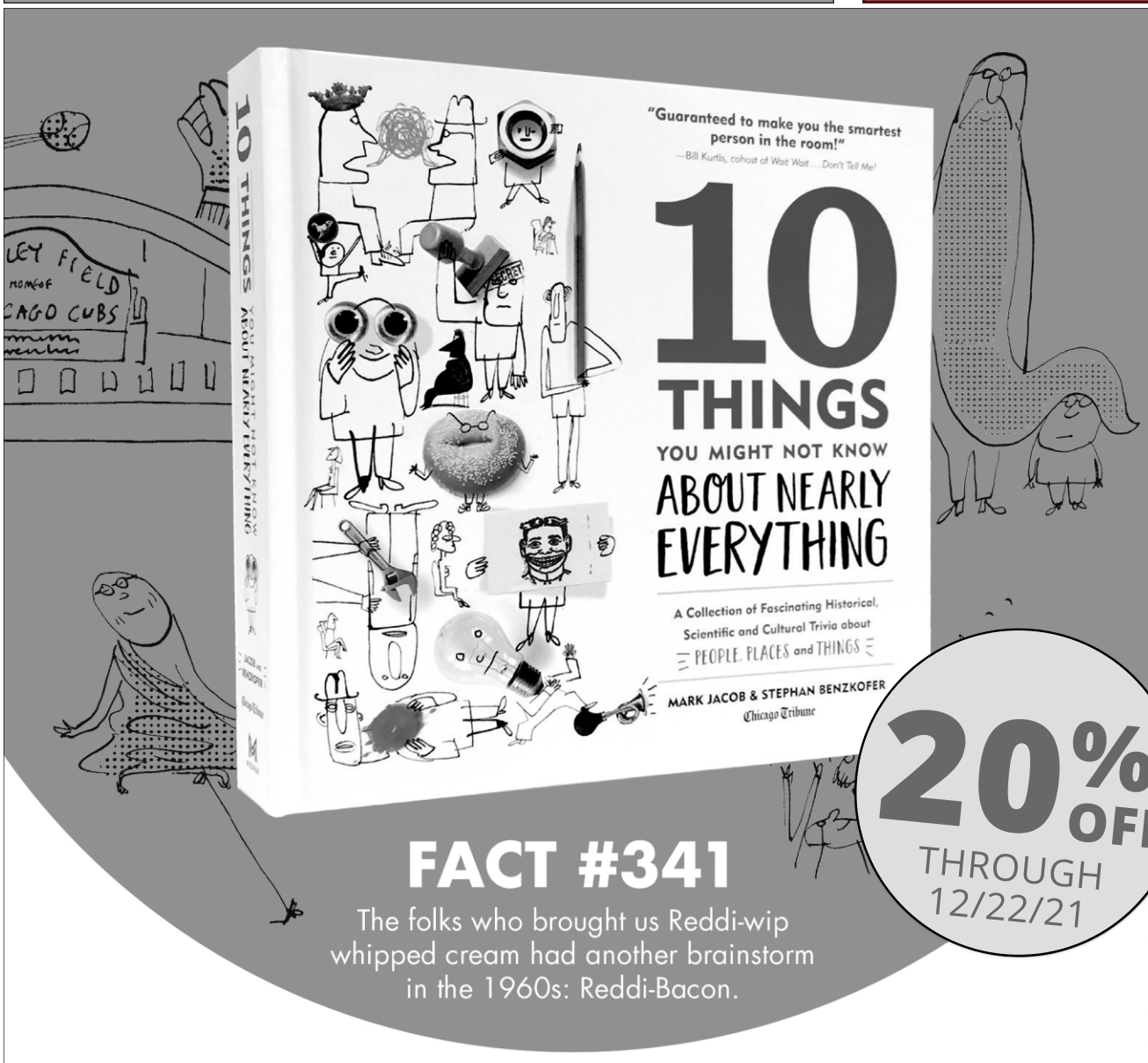

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Genuphobia is the fear of knees.

FACT #238
Actress Marilyn Monroe colored her hair using a shade of blond called dirty pillow slip.

FACT #279
Before Sir Thomas More was beheaded in 1535, he moved his lengthy beard aside, saying it "had never committed any treason."

FACT #302
Tweety Bird, the animated Looney Tunes character, was originally pink. But censors complained that Tweety looked naked, so animators gave the bird yellow feathers.

FACT #408
Joe Charbonneau, a Belvedere, Ill., native, who played outfield for the Cleveland Indians in the early '80s , used to open beer bottles with his eye socket and drink beer through a straw in his nose.

FACT #459
When actor Clint Eastwood ran for mayor of Carmel, California, in 1986, a major issue was ice cream. Town leaders had banned the sale of ice cream cones, incensing Eastwood and his supporters. They won and overturned the ordinance.

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"In my life I've taken a lot of chances, kind of lived on my instincts. Through the choices I've made, I've had great experiences. You need to have perseverance so you can have those amazing experiences. That's always been my message: just to live a full life, have a positive outlook."

— Mic Nickels

Rapper/author and Hartford native Mic Nickels has a new book, a new album and a new video out all at once. **MIC NICKELS**

A *RETURN* to his *ROOTS*

New York rapper Mic Nickels recalls growing up amid Hartford's burgeoning hip-hop scene in new memoir, album

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

"For years, people have been telling me I should document my life," says hip-hop musician Mic Nickels.

So the rapper has done just that, with both a new album and a memoir published through his music label Autodope Records.

The book and album are both called "Bars for Days." The music evokes the sort of hip-hop sounds Nickels listened to while growing up in Hartford. It's full of intricate rhymes and old-school samples (including an H.G. Wells quote from the British sci-fi movie "Things To Come"). The book details the actual growing up.

Nickels' father was a Cuban immigrant who'd fled the Castro regime, and his mother was a coat check girl in a local nightclub.

"They had only been seeing each other for a few months when they found out the news of my conception," Nickels writes in his book. "He didn't take Mom's announcement very well, storming out of the hospital declaring 'I want nothing to do with this baby.' "

Nickels was raised by his mother, aunts, grandmother and great-grandmothers, a group affectionately dubbed "The Hens."

The "Bars for Days" book describes a tough childhood, witnessing drug abuse, domestic abuse, mob and gang violence, but also a burgeoning hip-hop scene that helped Nickels find himself as a musician and lyricist. Nickels, who as a young DJ went by the name Nickel Five contrasts the streets of Hartford with other Connecticut cities he lived in later, or visited regularly, like Norwich and New London. He writes at length about a ride to UConn to see Biggie Smalls perform.

The album and the book aren't directly related. They don't share key themes, and one does not try to illustrate the other. But they do complement each other well, and Nickels says it was always his plan to release them at the same time.

"It's all intertwined by this point: my art, my foundation is hip-hop music."

The memoir grew out of a class on autobiographical writing that Nickels took at the University of Miami.

"The teacher was very

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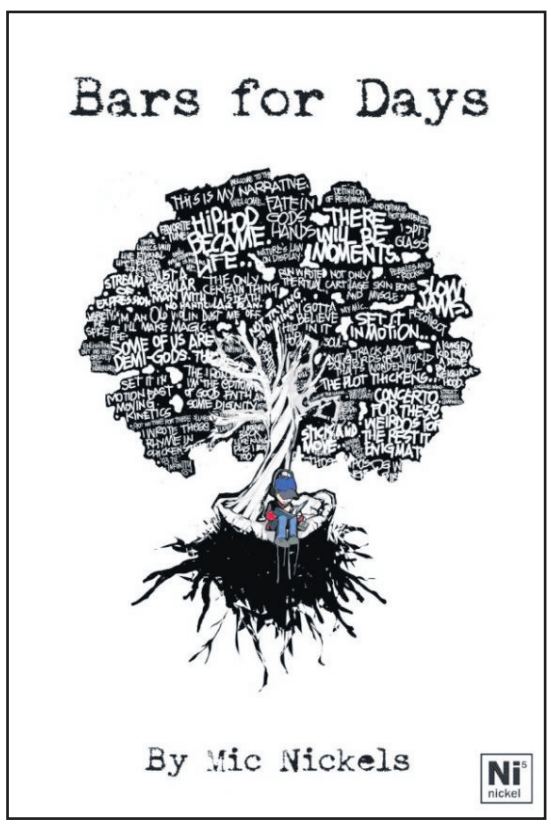

Hip-hop musician Mic Nickels released his memoir, "Bars for Days," along with an album of the same name in November. **HANDOUT**

COURANT ARTS PICKS FOR DEC. 19-25

Jim Brickman, Felly, Cheers for Queers and Messiah Sing-Along

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

Even in one of the quietest weeks of the whole year, there's plenty of concerts, comedy, dance and more to explore — from Handel's "Messiah" to "Harold Angel Sings."

Brickman's back

New Age keyboard dreamboat Jim Brickman returns to The Bushnell, 166 Capitol Ave., Hartford, with his annual holiday concert, "The Gift of Christmas." Last year it had to be virtual, but this year's Brickman's back behind the piano in person, for a 3 p.m. afternoon show on Dec. 19. $48-$70. bushnell.org.

Twice as funny

The Funny Bone comedy club, 194 Buckland Hills Drive Suite #1054, Manchester, has two amusing events on Dec. 19: the latest "Laugh-Off Comic Competition" at 4 p.m. ($10) and the LGBTQ+ stand-up mirthfest "Cheers for Queers" at 7 p.m. ($15-$20), with Sarah Garner and Madelein Smith of the "Cheers for Queers" podcast plus Connecticut's own Kendra Dawsey. hartford.funnybone.com.

Back on the floor

Last week, Big Al Anderson & The Floor Models — in which the legendary former NRBQ guitarist and Nashville songwriter returns to his home state to do holiday concerts with his pals — could be found for shows at Infinity Hall in Hartford. On Dec. 19 at 8 p.m. you can find them at Infinity Hall, 20 Greenwoods Road West, Norfolk. $49-$69. infinityhall.com.

Alleluia

There's a Messiah Sing-Along Dec. 19 at The Katharine Hepburn Cultural Art Center, 300 Main St. Old Saybrook. Handel's classic will be led by Cappella Cantorum. Singers rehearse in sections at 3:30 p.m., and the performance is at 4 p.m. No reserved seats. Bring you own score if you have one; if you don't, they'll have extra copies there. katharinehepburntheater.org

Angels we have heard are wry

Sea Tea Comedy Theater has the final performance of its "Improvised Christmas Carol" on Dec. 19. On Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. the same venue, at 15 Asylum St., Hartford, unleashes a completely different holiday improv: "Hark! The Harold Angels Sing: A 100% Made-Up Christmas Musical," created from audience suggestions and the performer's creative instincts. ("Harold" is a kind of improv sketch. "Harold Angel" is a beloved punch-line from a series of holiday-themed "Peanuts" strips. Get it?) $10. seateaimprov.com.

Hartbeat in progress

A free reading of Hartbeat

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Connecticut museums and galleries offering exhibits

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

Connecticut is rich with art galleries, museums and artists in all corners of the state, with gorgeous and engaging exhibits opening every week. Venues that are open to the public, as well as outdoor exhibits, are listed. Visit their websites for social distancing rules.

Hartford County

Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, 600 Main St. in Hartford: "By Her Hand: Artemisia Gentileschi and Women Artists in Italy, 1500—1800" runs through Jan. 9. "Discovering Rose Fried's Nephew by Alice Neel" runs through Jan. 23. "Christina Forrer / MATRIX 187" runs to Jan. 2. Leonardo Drew's sculpture is in the Main Street lobby until Jan. 2. "Stories in Ivory and Wood, told by Master Carvers" is up until Jan. 23. thewadsworth.org.

New Britain Museum of American Art, 56 Lexington St.: "Strict Beauty: Sol LeWitt Prints" is up to Jan. 9. "Walter Wick: Summer, Autumn, Winter and Happily Ever After" is up until April 1. "Cycle of Terror and Related Work by Graydon Parrish" is up until Dec. 31. nbmaa.org.

Real Art Ways, 56 Arbor St. in Hartford: "A Dream Walking Anne Wu" is up until Feb. 6. "Naufragium: Kenny Martin" is up until Feb. 13. realartways.org.

Mark Twain House & Museum, 351 Farmington Ave. in Hartford: The historical home museum is open for small tours, by reservation only. marktwainhouse.org.

Main Street in Hartford: A stroll down Main Street provides ample artworks to view. In front of the library, there is a sculpture by David Hayes and a statue of Mark Twain. Between City Hall and Wadsworth Atheneum is Alexander Calder's massive red "Stegosaurus." In front of the Atheneum are a newly refurbished statue of Nathan Hale and sculptures by Conrad Shawcross, Tony Smith and William Turnbull. Across the street from the Atheneumn is Carl Andre's

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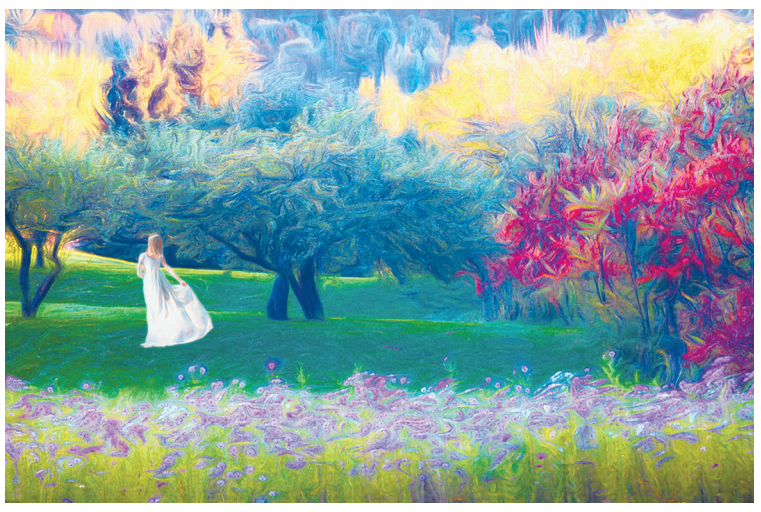

"A Dream of Heaven" by Colleen Reilly is part of the "Peace on Earth" exhibit at Spectrum Art Gallery in the Centerbrook section of Essex. **COLLEEN B. REILLY PHOTOGRAPHY**

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"Stone Field Sculpture." Also across the street from the Atheneum is the Bushnell Towers sculpture garden. thewadsworth.org.

Connecticut Historical Society, One Elizabeth St. in Hartford: "Albert's Odd Jobs: Making a Living in the 1800s" is up until April 16. "Common Struggle Individual Experience: An Exhibition About Mental Health" will be up until Oct. 15. Permanent exhibits are "Making Connecticut" and "Inn & Tavern Signs of Connecticut." chs.org.

WORK_SPACE, 903 Main St. in Manchester: "Perspectives of Home" will be on show to Feb. 22. workspacemanchester.com.

Mandell JCC, 335 Bloomfield Ave. in West Hartford: Connecticut Women Artists' Council Presents "Art in the Face of Hard Times" to Dec. 29. mandelljcc.org.

Charter Oak Cultural Center, 21 Charter Oak Ave. in Hartford: "All That Remains: Life / Study / Photographs by Richard Hollant" is up to Jan. 13. (The gallery will be closed for the holidays, from Dec. 23 to Jan. 2.) charteroakcenter.org.

Farmington Valley Arts Center, 25 Arts Center Drive in Avon: "Artists in Residence Naomi Nevo and Ben Ari: Just a Little Bit Longer" will be up to Dec. 24. artsfvac.org.

Trinity-on-Main, 69 Main St. in New Britain: "Foundation Paintings" by Paul Baylock, Nancy Brockett, Stanwyck Cromwell, Clinton Deckert, Katie Jurkiewicz, Tatyana Nadgor, Alex Ranniello, David Segerra and Margaret Wilson, celebrating the 150th anniversary of the city, will be on exhibit until March. happeninghere.org/fpp.

Avon Free Public Library, 281 Country Club Road: A holiday exhibit by members of the Avon Arts Association is up until Dec. 29. avonarts.org,

Southington Community Cultural Arts, 93 Main St: Artwork by artwork of local veterans will be up to Dec. 30. Participants include Cliff Ongley, Bill Bowden, Bob McMillan, Pauline Woodeshick, Bruce Cotton and Ralph Nardi. southingtonarts.org.

Windham County

Top Shelf Gallery at Fletcher Memorial Library, 257 Main St. in Hampton: Work by Kristin Emilyta will be up to Dec. 31. fletchermemoriallibrary.org.

The Art Gallery in the Fine Arts Instructional Center, Room 112, at Eastern Connecticut State University, 83 Windham St. in Willimantic: "The Artist as Witness," work by Elise Engler, Michael Caron, Ryan Carpenter, Nancy Chunn, Sue Coe, Lee Jupina Sr., Käthe Kollwitz, Michael Reddick and Rowan Renee, is up until Feb. 1. easternct.edu/art-gallery.

"Snipe Shooting" is part of the exhibit "Revisiting America: The Prints of Currier & Ives" at Florence Griswold Museum in Old Lyme. **COURTESY FLORENCE GRISWOLD MUSEUM**

Middlesex County

Earth and Fire Art Studio, 2 Main St. in Essex: A group show will be up until the end of December. earthandfireartstudio.com

Andrews Memorial Town Hall, 54 E. Main St. in Clinton: Clinton Art Society Award Winners Exhibition will run until Jan. 27. Works by Mike Eagle, Mary C. Daly, Beverly A. Schirmeier and Maureen Wilkinson. clintonartsociety.info.

Spectrum Art Gallery, 61 Main St. in the Centerbrook section of Essex: "Peace on Earth" runs to Jan. 9. spectrumartgallery.org.

Tolland County

William Benton Museum of Art, 245 Glenbrook Road at UConn in Storrs: "Facing History: Social Commentary in Contemporary American Art" is up until March 11. benton.uconn.edu.

Litchfield County

The Sophie Gallery, 15 Water St. in Torrington: "Wrench & Obi," an exhibit of work by Scott Ritter, is up until Jan. 31. thesophiegallery.com.

Furnace Art on Paper Archive, 107 Main St. in Falls Village: "Winter," an exhibit of work by Jimbo Blachly, Bettina Blohm, Yvonne Estrada, Johnathan Fabricant, Greg Goldberg, Carter Hodgkin, Vincent Inconiglios, Erick Johnson, Amanda Konishi, Kathleen Kucka, Stephen Maine, Susan Martin, Georgia McGovern, Holly Miller, Nicholas Moenich, Marilla Palmer, Jean Parks, Gelah Penn and Sally Van Doren, is up starting Dec. 18, weekends only. furnace-artonpaperarchive.com.

James Barron Art, 17 Old Barn Road in Kent: "Jackie Saccoccio: The Gravity of Space" and "Kikuo Saito: Dancing Across the Surface" are up until Jan. 16. jamesbarronart.com.

Craven Contemporary, 4 Fulling Lane in Kent: "In Conversation with David Shrigley," an exhibit of work by Shrigley, Daniel Arsham, Susumu Kamijo, Deborah Kass, Alex Katz, Ryan McGinley, Alessandro Raho, Mickalene Thomas and William Wegman, is up until Feb. 13. artnet.com/galleries/craven-contemporary/artworks.

"Blue Corvette," a 2016 work by Cheryl Kelley, is part of the Lyman Allyn Art Museum's exhibit "Luster: Realism and Hyperrealism in Contemporary Automobile and Motorcycle Painting." **COURTESY LYMAN ALLYN ART MUSEUM**

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St. in the Falls Village section of Canaan: "Flora and Fauna," featuring oil paintings by Lilly Woodworth and etchings by Allen Blagden, is up until Dec. 24. huntlibrary.org.

Kenise Barnes Fine Art, 7 Fulling Lane in Kent: "David Konigsberg: Equilibria" will be up to Jan. 23. kbfa.com.

New London County

Hygienic Art Galleries, 79 Bank St. in New London: "Art = Gift" and "Playful Propaganda," a show of work by Adie Dela Cruz, are up until Dec. 24. hygienic.org.

Florence Griswold Museum, 96 Lyme St. in Old Lyme: "Revisiting America: The Prints of Currier & Ives" is up until Jan. 24. flogris.org.

Mystic Seaport, 75 Greenmanville Road: "A Spectacle in Motion: The Grand Panorama of a Whaling Voyage 'Round the World" will be up until March 27. mysticseaport.org/explore/exhibits.

Gilbert V. Boro Studio 80 + Sculpture Grounds, 80 Lyme St. in Old Lyme: The sculpture grounds, with works by Boro and other artists, is on private property but is open to the public. Boro asks guests not to enter any buildings. A YouTube video about the grounds, part of the Smithsonian Channel documentary series "America: Over the Edge," can be seen at gilbertboro.com.

LaGrua Center, 32 Water St. in Stonington: "A Mix of Oil & Water," a show of watercolor and oil-acrylic paintings by nine artists, is up to Jan. 2. lagruacenter.org.

Lyme Art Association, 90 Lyme St. in Old Lyme: "Deck the Walls," the annual holiday show, it up from to Jan. 2. lymeartassociation.org.

Lyman Allyn Art Museum, 625 Williams St. in New London: "Luster: Realism and Hyperrealism in Contemporary Automobile and Motorcycle Painting" is up to Jan. 2. "The Way Sisters: Miniaturists of the Early Republic" will be up to Jan. 23. "Ken Friedman: 92 Events," a show of work by the Fluxus artist, is on view through Jan. 16. lymanallyn.org.

New Haven County

Yale University Art Gallery, 1111 Chapel St. in New Haven: "On the Basis of Art: 150 Years of Women at Yale" is up to Jan. 9. The permanent collection also is on display. artgallery.yale.edu.

Yale Center for British Art, 1080 Chapel St. in New Haven: Permanent collection exhibits "Britain in the World" and "Love, Life, Death, and Desire: An Installation of the Center's Collections" are up until Dec. 31. "The Hilton Als Series: Njideka Akunyili Crosby" is up until Jan. 22. britishart.yale.edu.

Palestine Museum US, 1764 Litchfield Turnpike, Suite 200, in Woodbridge: The museum is open by appointment only at palestinemuseum.us.

New Haven Pride Center, 84 Orange St.: "The art of Page Wooller" is up until Dec. 31. newhavenpridecenter.org/exhibitions/exhibit-queer-art/.

Gallery at the Institute Library, 847 Chapel St. in New Haven: John T. Hill: Persistent Observer," an exhibit selected from 65 years of photographs, is up to Jan. 15. institutelibrary.org

Gallery 53, 53 Colony St. in Meriden: The holiday artisan fair is up to Dec. 23. gallery53.org.

New Haven Museum, 114 Whitney Ave.: "Strange Times: Downtown New Haven in the COVID Era," ""Children of the Elm City" and "Factory" are up until the end of winter. newhavenmuseum.org.

City Gallery, 994 State St. in New Haven: "Reveries: Journaling in Place," a show of work by Susan Newbold, will be up to Jan. 2. city-gallery.org.

Mattatuck Museum, 63 Prospect St. in Waterbury: "Norman Rockwell: Behind the Camera" is up until Jan. 16. "Collecting Presidential History: Signatures and Ephemera," an exhibit of pieces from the collection of Francis T. "Fay" Vincent Jr., is up until Dec. 31. "An American Lens: A History of Photography in Waterbury" is up until Jan. 16. "Janet Maya: Women/Strength/Beauty" and "Focus on the Makers: Samplers, Needlework, and Quilts" are up to Feb. 28. mattmuseum.org.

Kehler Liddell Gallery, 873 Whalley Ave. in New Haven: "Deck The Walls Annual Holiday Show" is up to Dec. 23. kehlerliddellgallery.com.

Susan Powell Fine Art, 679 Boston Post Road in Madison: The annual holiday show is up to Jan. 12. susanpowellfineart.com.

Hamden Senior Center in the Miller Memorial Library Complex, 2901 Dixwell Ave.: Hamden Art League's annual Silverbells exhibit will be up to Jan. 4. hamdenartleague.org.

Fairfield County

MoCA Westport, 19 Newtown Turnpike: "When Caged Birds Sing," an exhibit by Ann Weiner of eight life-size sculptures representing women's rights activists, is up until February. mocawestport.org.

Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, 258 Main St. in Ridgefield: "Hugo McCloud: from where i stand," an exhibit of found-object culture, "Adrienne Elise Tarver: The Sun, the Moon, and the Truth" and "Lucia Hierro: Marginal Costs" are up to Jan. 2. "Karla Knight: Navigator" is up until May 8. aldrichart.org.

Silvermine Arts Center, 1037 Silvermine Road in New Canaan: "71st A-One" is up until Dec. 30. silvermineart.org.

Bruce Museum, One Museum Drive in Greenwich: "Fisher Dollhouse: A Venetian Palazzo in Miniature" and "RESOLUTE: Native Nations Art in the Bruce Collection" are up to Jan. 31. brucemuseum.org.

Alvarez Gallery, 11 Brookside Road in Redding: Mise en Veu: Joe Boginski" opens Dec. 4. alvarezgallery.com.

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Ensemble's eagerly awaited play-in-progress about renowned local actor Gwen Reed (who, among other things, portrayed Aunt Jemima at supermarket openings) is 7 p.m. Dec. 20 at the Free Center, 460 New Britain Ave., Hartford. showclix.com/event/book-of-gwen.

Three cool bands

Alethea, The New Neighbors and Wow, OK, Cool — three New Haven bands who all experiment with various degrees of punk, pop and indie rock — all play at cafe nine Dec. 21 at 8 p.m. for $5. It's the kind of check-out-the-scene show that could happen any time of the year, and feels especially welcome on a week when so much else is holiday-related, and few local band shows are happening at all. cafenine.com.

Felly vision

Nationally known rapper/singer/songwriter/producer Felly began making music as a high schooler in Trumbull. He's released three albums, two EPs and four mixtapes since 2014. Felly performs Dec. 22 at Toad's Place, 300 York St., New Haven. Riz La Vie and DJ Sol Was are also on the bill. $20; $60 & $120 for VIP packages. toadsplace.com.

Jim Brickman is back live at The Bushnell Dec. 19 at 3 p.m. **THE BUSHNELL**

People get ready

The New London Talent Show at the Garde Arts Center in New London quickly grew into a community tradition that changed lives due to its inclusive, empowering, welcoming nature. A documentary about the talent show, "Those People," directed by Peter Huoppi, gets a special streaming showing on Facebook Live Dec. 22 at 7:30 for $4.99. gardearts.org/events/those-people.

Tchaikovsky beats

If you missed the national tour of "The Hip Hop Nutcracker" last week at The Bushnell, you can find this new holiday staple at the Shubert, 247 College St., New Haven, on Dec. 23 at 7 p.m. It's what it sounds like: a fresh contemporary take on the Tchaikovsky girl-meets-toy dance party. Rap pioneer Kurtis Blow is the host. $40-$76. shubert.com.

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Bono plumbs the mysteries of music

U2 frontman pens song and roars in first acting role for 'Sing 2'

By Michael Ordoña
Los Angeles Times

Bono is at home, literally, talking about his first substantial acting role and the ongoing mystery of what he does for a living.

"Making music has been a source of great frustration for me as well as great joy," he says over a video call. "I didn't have musical training as a kid. So I have to depend on my three bandmates and others to get the melodies I hear in my head, or the ideas, across. And therein lies great frustration, that you depend on others — and the great joy, that you depend on others — and they happen to be your best mates."

When referred to as "an actual musician," the famed frontman of U2 grins in this cozy room in his Dublin abode and says, "Well, that might be an exaggeration. That's why I'm involved with this: I'm obsessed with what it takes to become one. But I know musicians."

In "Sing 2," Garth Jennings' sequel to his 2016 music-mad-animals hit, Bono voices Clay Calloway, a storied superstar singer-songwriter (portrayed as a great, silver-maned lion) who has long been a recluse since the death of his wife. Much of the film is about the search for Calloway and how the "Sing" gang might persuade him to embrace his gift again. It's a quest almost as improbable as Jennings' hopes to even land Bono for the film.

But the two connected right away. "I found myself on a call with (Jennings), walking in the hills there in Los Angeles," the singer says. "I got lost talking to him, every which way — I didn't know where I was. He got me talking about singing, the nature of singing, what it was to be a singer, where does singing come from. And of course, being Irish, these are all the right questions!"

For his part, Jennings says he thought the pitch was a long shot. The "Sing 2" team, he says, "knew we needed a rock legend — not only a personality, but the music that would come with them. Bono was the first thought. He would be amazing and those songs would fit so well with that kind of a story. But he's not going to say 'Yes.' I mean, this is a lion.

"But he got it right away. He was almost selling it back to me when we had this long conversation: 'I get what this character is; he has a big, passionate feeling toward music and what it can do for people.' That story is really about healing. And U2's concerts, they can be like a religious experience."

Bono says, "The lion had lost his roar. We ended up talking about what would cease you from singing. We ended up talking about grief. Grief can open up creativity or close it up. This is a subject I sadly know a little bit about. I'm talking to this dude about a children's film; are we really going there about grief? But that's the whole point of these animations, that you use these fun characters to play with deeper, darker themes."

Jennings says that despite the singer being an acting novice, little guidance was needed.

"He understood what the character was and you had to feel for him, that he was cantankerous and provocative and a bit intimidating, but underneath it all was really, really sad. Steeped in grief. 'Just be the gruff, old, nasty neighbor.' And when it came to getting to the root of it all, 'Don't be afraid to break a little.' "

Jennings did help the singer tap into the lion within. "Garth said ... 'Have you come across any other lions?' I said, 'Oh, yeah.' He said, 'What's the striking feature?' I said, 'It's that low rumble. You can't explain it to people.' So the growl ... Here's the thing — when applying that low growl to singing a song like 'I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For,' the tenor voice, I hit a bit of a problem. So I had to bring a little country there. I had to impersonate a man who'd had a few cigars."

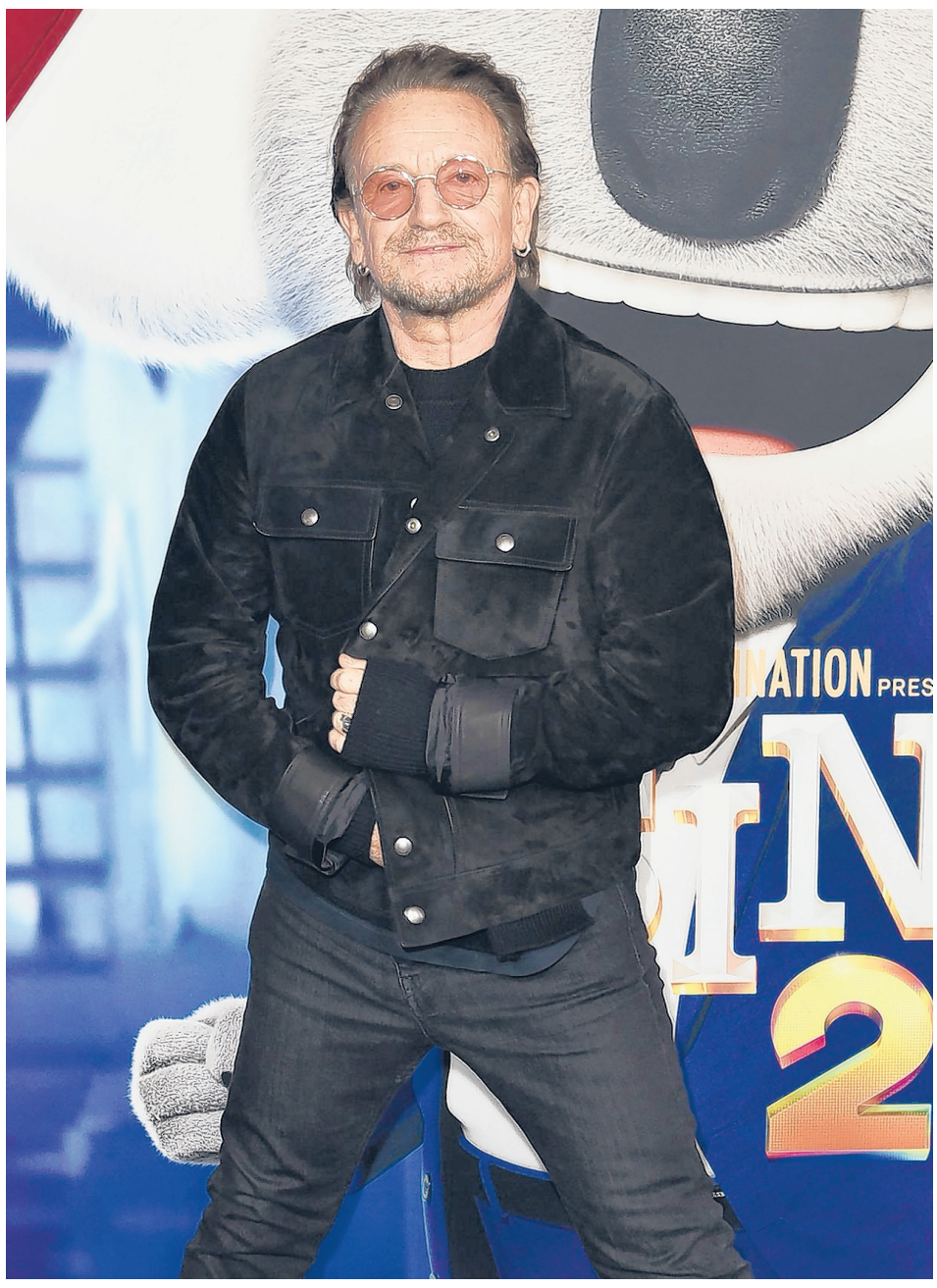
It's all part of the passionate pilgrim's unceasing quest to learn, as he puts it, "What makes people sing, why do I sing, where does it come from?

"I think some people sing for very desperate reasons, and there's no amount of money you can pay them. That is a kind of vulnerability there. You sing to have fun, you sing to show off, you sing in the bath. But there's another reason some people sing, and I wanted to write that song."

And he did. The initial conversation with Jennings sparked a new song, "Your Song Saved My Life."

Jennings says, "He said, 'Of course, this would make a great song. Wouldn't that be great?' I said, 'That would be amazing,' but I thought it was a bit like when people say, 'You must come for dinner,' but they never really ask you. But then he turned up for the first (dialogue) recording session, and he says, 'By the way, I've got a song.'

"Now I'm thinking, 'This is stressful. What if I don't like it?' He played it and halfway through, I'm like, 'It's the whole end of the movie!' I'm trying not to cry in front of Bono. He's like, 'It's good, isn't it?' I'm like, 'Jesus, it's great!' "



Bono arrives at the premiere of "Sing 2" on Dec. 12 in Los Angeles. **RICHARD SHOTWELL/INVISION**

Getting Bono on board the movie was just the first step. The production also had to clear the use of U2 songs. The whole band had to be behind it.

"The question from the band's point of view was, 'This is inspired by a kids' film, right?' " the singer recalls. "'Yeah, this is a great artist, Garth, and we should be honored to be part of this. There's going to be other U2 songs —' 'What?! It's not just one song?' 'No, if we're in this, we're in all the way. I'm going to be in the film.' 'You're going to be in the film?'

"I have a lot of explaining in my life to U2; that's just the nature of democracy," Bono says.

He later showed them a key scene in which the porcupine Ash, voiced by Scarlett Johansson, sings a heartfelt, stripped-down version of the band's "Stuck in a Moment You Can't Get Out Of."

"Scarlett is besotted by music," Bono says. "She approached that very tenderly. She made that song her own. And you have to be true in that moment or people wouldn't care. I wasn't surprised she could pull it off. But the band were," he says. "I think it stunned them all. I just had to put that scene on: 'OK? Your songs are in good hands.' "

Thus Bono, Evangelist of the Church of Music, won new converts among his lifelong friends.

"It's a real thing for me as I look at what I do, and I go, 'Wow, this thing is unknowable.' You'll never be a professor of it; you'll always be a student as you study songs and why they move you or why they don't. The ones that break all the rules, the ones that invent new ones. I am, as the song I was listening to earlier, 'Lost in Music,' more than I've ever been."

Nickels

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encouraging," he says. "It lit a fire under my butt. I just sat and wrote. When that came up, I was already in the process of writing a more traditional hip-hop album that brought me back to my roots."

He describes the book as "little glimpses in time, short stories that add up to a bigger story."

Nickels may be exploring his past now, but he hasn't been stuck there. Years of working at the Smoke Jazz Club in New York City led to progressive cross-genre musical experiments, but even before that he was in a live guitar-based band. He's best known in recent years for the band Nickel and Dime Ops.

"The musicians who influence me are the people who are able to transcend who they are. That includes Jimi Hendrix and a lot of jazz players too."

One of Nickels' hip-hop heroes, Method Man from the Wu-Tang Clan, appears on the closing track of the "Bars for Days" album, "El Matador."

At Smoke, Nickels crossed paths with a lot of Connecticut jazz musicians who played in his old neighborhood. "I could hear the 880 Club from my bedroom window when I was a kid." The legendary local jazz club closed in 1995.

Now a New Yorker, hip-hop musician Mic Nickels grew up in Hartford, a childhood he chronicles in his memoir "Bars for Days." **MIC NICKELS**

Nickels has also met numerous alumni of the University of Hartford's Jackie McLean Institute of Jazz.

"I don't get back to Connecticut as much as I'd like to," says the longtime New York resident, "but I always tell people I'm from Hartford. Where you're from is such a thing in the hip-hop world, and some people say they're from New York even if they're not. ... But I'm proud to be from Hartford. It was never a big scene, but there's always been great talent here. Plus Franklin Giant Grinder makes the best sandwich in the world."

The book includes tales of Nickels' encounters with celebrities such as Diddy, Dave Chappelle, Biz Markie and Charlie Murphy. Some connections, like with Diddy, are profound. Others are amusing anecdotes. But Nickels uses the book not to talk about his brushes with fame but to explain his own growth as an artist and as a human.

"In my life I've taken a lot of chances, kind of lived on my instincts. Through the choices I've made, I've had great experiences. You need to have perseverance so you can have those amazing experiences. That's always been my message: just to live a full life, have a positive outlook."

The book and record were officially released in early December, and there was a release party in Brooklyn, New York, on Dec. 17 where Nickels performed live with a reunited Nickel and Dime Ops.

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HOLIDAY GIFT IDEA:

TRAVEL

People samba dance Nov. 20 near the Armazem Senado, or the Senate Warehouse, in Rio de Janeiro. **DADO GALDIERI/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS**

Where samba meets cachaça

Mixing dive bars and greasy spoons, 'dirty feet' are back in Rio

By Jack Nicas
The New York Times

A samba band plays Nov. 21 at the Senate Warehouse, in Rio de Janeiro.

RIO DE JANEIRO — The Blowfish's Den was a mess. The tables were crowded with empty bottles, dirty plates were stacked up and the bathroom had run out of soap.

The bar's owner, Marco Antônio Targino, was drinking a beer in the corner. "For those who like filth," he said with a smile, "this here is a beauty."

Out front, the cobblestone alley was packed with unmasked revelers, swaying and singing around a makeshift samba band. It was the biggest crowd since the start of the pandemic, and Targino was soaking it all in.

"It feels like I'm alive again," he said. "I didn't die."

Neither did his bar. The pandemic lockdowns and lost sales nearly killed the place, and the hundreds of drinking spots like it. But now, in one of the clearest signs that Rio de Janeiro is returning to something like normal, the city's "dirty feet" are back.

That's the name for the hole-in-the-wall joints that spill out onto Rio's sidewalks with plastic tables and chairs, offering cold beer and something fried at almost any hour of the day. Known as "pé sujo" in Portuguese, a dirty foot is a cross between a dive bar and a greasy spoon, where the grit and grime are part of the charm. The countertops are rusty, the prices cut-rate, and shoes and shirts often optional.

"The big restaurants don't let you smoke. Here you can smoke almost anything," said Sandro Lima Rodrigues, a bald, goateed server at La Paris, a dirty foot where a breakfast of espresso and grilled bread smeared with processed cheese costs 90 cents.

"We're the essence of Rio," he added.

Yes, Rio de Janeiro has golden beaches, breathtaking views and its colorful Carnival, but many Cariocas, as its residents are known, agree that to discover their city's spirit, you need to experience a dirty foot.

"Rio is not a democratic place," said Marcelo Freixo, a history professor who now represents Rio in Brazil's Congress. "But you can escape that inequality in a few places: the sambas, the beaches and the dive bars."

The pandemic forced a quarter of Rio's restaurants and bars to close, according to a local trade group, and the city just set new rules restricting the unvaccinated from entering bars amid concerns over the omicron variant. Yet, in a relief to many Cariocas, most of the dirty feet are still going strong.

Fernando Blower, a Rio bar owner who runs the trade group, attributed their resilience to the fact that many are family-run operations that got creative.

The Blowfish's Den, or Toca do Baiacú, sold art donated by a well-known cartoonist who regularly drinks at the bar. La Paris opened when the police weren't watching and sold take-out beer when they were. Confectionary and Bar Solange (that's one bar) hand-delivered plates of beef ribs and liver to its neighborhood regulars. All three kept paying their employees through the lockdowns, even without government assistance.

The Senate Warehouse, or Armazém Senado, sold toothpaste, toilet paper and bleach. The two brothers who own the place took out a roughly $5,000 loan and then restarted their samba nights at a time when the city still restricted gatherings.

Dirty feet are close siblings of other types of casual bars, the boteco and botequim, which started as corner stores and derive their name from "bodega."

The origins of the term "dirty foot" aren't so clear. Some bar owners attribute it to poor clientele who wore only sandals or lacked shoes. Others said it was because customers used to spit on the floors, which the bars would clean with sawdust.

"You came out of there with your feet dirty," said Paulo Mussoi, a Rio journalist who has written a column about dirty feet for more than 20 years using the pen name "Juarez Becoza."

For decades, the bars were mostly for working-class men. Many even lacked women's bathrooms. But in the 1990s, Rio's middle class discovered dirty feet and boteco, and they quickly became fashionable, celebrated as hidden culinary gems.

The food in dirty feet bars shows influences from Portugal, West Africa and Brazil's northeast. There are fried sardines, fried pork cracklings, pickled eggs, gizzards and stews made from cow's feet and oxtail.

Your average dirty foot is a neighborhood hangout that reflects the rhythms of Rio life. Take Confectionary and Bar Solange, in a residential section of Rio's middle-class Gloria neighborhood.

Pelé Joensson, 57, a Swedish immigrant, said he arrives most days around 6 a.m. to buy coffee and carry one of the bar's plastic chairs across the street to watch his neighborhood wake up. He then spends hours socializing.

"If you live alone, this is where you have your social life," he said.

By late morning, a waiter and cook known to everyone as "Toninho," or Little Tony, put out fresh pork stew ($3 a plate). Three construction workers on break leaned against the other end of the bar, sipping soda.

By nightfall, the scene got louder. Customers pulled the flimsy plastic chairs from a stack by the door and added them to widening circles of friends. Each group shared one 20-ounce bottle of beer ($1.40) at a time, split into small glasses. The approach is designed to keep anyone from drinking warm beer, sacrilege in Brazil.

One particularly boisterous group included a taxi driver, a real estate agent, one of the first transgender executives at Unilever, and a retired salesman in leather pants.

"What makes a dirty foot?" asked the real estate agent, Luiz Felipe Cavalcante. "Beer, food, people, friendship, soccer. Oh, and women, women!"

Head for the south for a sunny winter getaway

By Lynn O'Rourke Hayes
FamilyTravel.com

The darker days of winter may spark a plan to head south for an extra dose of sunshine. Here are ideas to consider.

Tubac, Arizona: Head to sun-drenched southern Arizona for a multi-faceted family adventure. In Tubac, established in 1752 as a Spanish Presidio, declare the historic and family-friendly Tubac Golf Resort & Spa your base camp and let the exploration begin. Don't forget your binoculars because the area is considered one of the best spots for birding in the country. Enjoy a round of golf, a stroll through the local art community or time at the spa. Hike from the resort, situated on the 500-acre Otero Ranch in the Santa Cruz River Valley and appreciate views of the Tumacacori and Santa Rita peaks in the distance.

Ostional Wildlife Reserve, Costa Rica: Over the course of a five-day arribada (Spanish for arrival) an impressive gathering of olive ridley and Kemp's ridley sea turtles will lay up to 5 million eggs on this pristine Costa Rican beach.

Families can watch the adult turtles swim ashore, drop their eggs and then return to the sea. Hatchlings emerge from the sand and follow the scent of the ocean back to the safety of water.

Brac Reef, Cayman Brac: From this small, family-friendly Caribbean island, your clan can enjoy a dive vacation that includes exploring the 70 named dive sites in the waters around Cayman Brac.

The all-inclusive beachfront resort also offers free bike rentals to explore the island, spa services and volleyball. The lush forests throughout Cayman Brac are home to endangered parrots, brown boobies and peregrine falcons.

Tubac, Arizona, is considered one of the best spots for birding in the country. **DREAMSTIME**

Visiting castles of boyhood dreams

Rick Steves

Rick Steves fell in love with the Ehrenberg ruins and has brought decades of American travelers to Reutte with his guidebooks. **RICK STEVES' EUROPE**

South of Munich in the foothills of the Alps, I toured Hohenschwangau Castle. It was "Mad" King Ludwig's father's castle — and Ludwig's boyhood summer home. When his father died, Ludwig became king. He was just a boy, 19 years old. And rather than live with the frustrations of a modern constitution and a feisty parliament in Munich reining him in, King Ludwig II spent his next years lost in Romantic literature and operas ... hanging out here with composer Richard Wagner as only a dreamy young king could.

The king's bedroom was decked out like a fairy tale. The walls were painted in 1835 by a single artist, who gave the place a romantic, Tolkien fantasy feel. Lounging nymphs still flank the window and stars twinkle from the ceiling. A telescope stands as it did for the king, trained on a pinnacle on a distant ridge where Ludwig dreamed of building his ultimate castle fantasy: Neuschwanstein. On my first visit here, squinting through that telescope at Neuschwanstein (which had also inspired a boy named Walt Disney), I could relate to the busy young king. Bound by schoolwork and house rules rather than a constitution and parliament, I too was a romantic when it came to building dream castles. Mine was a simple treehouse, but for me, it was as dazzling as any castle in Bavaria.

On that same trip, just over the border in Austria near the town of Reutte, I found another castle: the brooding ruins of the largest fort in Tirol — Ehrenberg. This impressive complex was built to defend against the Bavarians and to bottle up the strategic "Via Claudia" trade route that cut through the Alps here, connecting Italy and Germany. Exploring the ruins, I climbed deep into a misty forest littered with meaningless chunks of castle wall — each pinned down by Pixy Stix trees and mossy with sword ferns. This once strategic and powerful fortress had somehow fallen apart and was slowly being eaten by the forest.

My friend Armin Walch, an archaeologist who lives in Reutte, had a vision to bring these ruins to life. He was born the same year as me and pursued his project like the Indiana Jones of castle scholars. Today, with European Union funding, he's cut away the hungry forest to reveal and renovate what he calls the castle ensemble. And it's open for business, enabling countless children to live out their medieval fantasies, leaping from rampart to rampart with sword ferns swinging.

On my last visit, I was honored for bringing so many visitors to this remote corner of Austria over the years. With Armin as the jovial master of ceremonies, the town's hoteliers and tourism folks gathered in the castle like a council of medieval lords. Together we ate smoked game, swilled wine and clinked pewter mugs. I gave an impromptu speech about the wonders of Americans climbing through history far from home. Then I knelt before a man in armor who drew a shiny sword with my name etched upon it, and was knighted — Sir Rick, first knight of Ehrenberg.

The sword was my gift. It was solid and sparkled with sentiment. I loved how it felt in my hand as I swung it back and forth, cutting through the air — and how it symbolically wove together my treehouse childhood, my love of history, my longtime connection with Reutte, and Armin's vision. I requested that my sword stay in the museum as a special exhibit on the castle-loving boy from Seattle who fell in love with the Ehrenberg ruins and then grew up to bring decades of American travelers to Reutte with his guidebooks.

After the ceremony, Armin took me to his house for a drink. As a talented architect, he had cleverly hidden his sleek, futuristic, and creative pad behind a humble old-town facade. It was a royal domain for his family.

Armin and I climbed boyishly to his rooftop — a perch he designed to view Ehrenberg. Together we shared a glass of schnapps flavored with local herbs and peered through his telescope at our favorite castle complex — now illuminated by powerful floodlighting. In his youth — before he excavated it — almost no one knew about the fortress that hid beneath the trees on the mountain. Nudging me aside, Armin took his turn squinting through his telescope. Happy as two boys in a treehouse, like two Romantic-age princes, we marveled at this castle of his dreams.

CELEB TRAVELER

'Last Son' star likes mountain getaways

By Jae-Ha Kim
Tribune Content Agency

"The Last Son" actor Emily Marie Palmer on her wedding day in Iceland. **JOEY CICCOLINE/JESSE CARR**

"I was born in Salt Lake City, but my family moved to the Southeast when I was very young," said Emily Marie Palmer, who co-stars opposite Machine Gun Kelly in the film "The Last Son." "The first trips I have real memories of were the long summer road trips we made back to Utah to visit friends and family there. I absolutely loved them, and I still love long cross-country road trips to this day. When I shot 'The Last Son' in Montana, I actually chose to drive there all the way from Nashville instead of flying in for filming. I'll take any excuse to get out on the open road!" The actress also pays homage to her family's vaudeville roots with her single, "Holy Magic" (https://emilymariepalmer.bandcamp.com/track/holy-magic). Splitting her time between Nashville and Atlanta, Palmer stays in touch with fans on Instagram (https://www.instagram.com/emilymariepalmer/) and Twitter (https://twitter.com/emilymarieloise).

Q: Where in Montana did you film "The Last Son"?

A: We shot on a beautiful ranch near Livingston. One of the biggest physical challenges for me was the wild weather we experienced. When I first arrived at the ranch, it was warm, sunny and beautiful. Less than two weeks later, the temperature plummeted below zero and it snowed nonstop! Sometimes there would be these kinds of dramatic shifts within just a few hours. We were shooting in a mountain range called "the Crazies." It was stunningly beautiful, but definitely posed some challenges in the filmmaking process. The period setting also meant that the actors had to be dressed in 19th-century wardrobe, which really did not provide adequate warmth for the extreme climate. Fortunately, we had an incredible wardrobe team that bundled us up in between takes and worked so hard to keep us warm.

Q: What is your favorite vacation destination?

A: The destinations that are always at the top of my list tend to be ones full of mysterious, mountainous landscapes, like Iceland, Scotland and Switzerland. In Iceland, we rented a car and took our time driving around the entire island and it was just incredible. Some of the highlights for me were the mystical Snæfellsnes Peninsula, where we married, the breathtaking Fjaðrárgljúfur Canyon and the otherworldly black pebble beach at Reynisfjara.

Q: What untapped destination should people know about?

A: White Sands National Park (New Mexico)! Most people I talk to have never visited. It's truly one of the most enchanting, otherworldly places I've ever explored. Make sure to pack sunglasses or you'll probably have to buy some at the gift shop, like I did. The intense desert sun reflects off of the pure white gypsum sands and it's blinding.

Q: Where are your favorite weekend getaways?

A: Living near Nashville, some of our favorite weekend trips have been to Chattanooga, Tennessee. It's a true hidden gem. We also love to go camping and Tennessee has no shortage of lovely state parks and, of course, it's home to the lovely Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Q: Where have you traveled to that most reminded you of home?

A: I felt so deeply at home in the Scottish Highlands. My mother is from Appalachia and growing up I spent a lot of time there visiting my grandmother and other relatives. The Highlands reminded me very much of the hazy blue hills of East Tennessee that I spent so many years running barefooted in.

For more from the reporter, visit www.jaehakim.com.

TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

Where's full refund from canceled Frontier flight?

By Christopher Elliott
King Features Syndicate

Q: Frontier Airlines canceled my flights from Minneapolis to Denver last summer. I requested a refund since the next available flights were significantly later. Consequently, these Frontier flight cancellations qualify passengers for a refund under Department of Transportation regulations.

I have spent hours on hold with Frontier and talking to agents. When Frontier canceled my flights, a phone agent said they were able to find all of the payments I made by credit card and that every single one would be refunded to my Visa.

I don't want or need any Frontier vouchers or flight credits. Several phone agents have assured me that they submitted a refund request, and I should wait seven to 10 business days for the refund to process. But I've been waiting for more than a year. Can you help me get my money back? — Kristy Heer, Minnetonka, Minnesota

A: You're right. Under Department of Transportation regulations, an airline owes you a refund if it cancels your flight. If you requested a refund, you should have received one within a week.

But it looks like there were a few complicating factors. You paid for your ticket with Frontier flight credits, which means you would have only been entitled to receive flight credits as a refund. However, it looks like a Frontier representative promised you a cash refund, even though you had paid with credits and paid only the taxes by credit card.

As a result, you received about $18 back from Frontier instead of the $253 you thought you would get. Making matters worse, it looks as if Frontier didn't even try to reissue your flight credit, so you ended up with $18 and no flight credits. That doesn't seem fair. After all, you didn't cancel the flight — Frontier did.

I reviewed the paper trail between you and Frontier. Nice job on keeping all of your correspondence, by the way. It shows you repeatedly asking for something you were entitled to — a full refund. It also shows Frontier promising you that refund in writing. Why didn't Frontier do what it said? I'm going to chalk this one up to pandemic confusion.

As a last resort, you could have reached out to one of the executive contacts at Frontier for help. I list the names, numbers and email addresses of the top customer service executives at Frontier on my consumer advocacy site at elliott.org/company-contacts/frontier-airlines/. You can also file a complaint with the DOT at www.transportation.gov/airconsumer/file-consumer-complaint, which could have moved things along.

I reached out to Frontier on your behalf, and it issued the cash refund it had promised. A representative said your refund was already "in the queue" when I contacted it. You showed much more patience than Frontier deserved, but that patience was finally rewarded.

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CELEBRITIES

Pandemic sparks Fallon holiday song

By Glenn Gamboa
Associated Press

Yes, he's the host of the "Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon." And sure, he has starred in movies, been a "Saturday Night Live" regular, and recently launched a new show, "That's My Jam."

But Jimmy Fallon has always wanted his "That Thing You Do!" movie moment when he gets to hear his song come on the radio. And he was ready for that moment when his holiday single "It Was A ... (Masked Christmas)," featuring Ariana Grande and Megan Thee Stallion was recently released.

"I almost feel like I'm Beyonce or Drake," Fallon said. "I've always wanted to surprise drop a single, and now it's happening. This is crazy what life is."

"It Was A ... (Masked Christmas)" started out as an idea Fallon was toying with in August while he was recording at a studio in Manhattan.

"I wanted to write something reflecting on how tough it was for everyone last year during the holidays and that it's gonna get better," he said, adding that he was looking to throw in some humor about putting Purell on everything and families cramming into the laundry room to get on Zoom because that's where the best Wi-Fi is. He also enjoyed how fun it is to say "booster," especially with a Boston accent.

While writing the song with producer Ido Zmishlany, best known for his work with Shawn Mendes and Justin Bieber, Fallon had Grande in mind for singing the hook, but when he reached out to her, he didn't hear back right away because she was busy as a coach on "The Voice." Then, in mid-October, she responds, saying, "I love this song. You sound great. I think this is so funny. Let's do this. I'm on it. I'm going to record tomorrow in the studio."

Jimmy Fallon, seen Dec. 10, teamed with Ariana Grande and Megan Thee Stallion for the song. JASON MENDEZ/GETTY

She also asks who is going to do the song's rap, which Fallon did in the demo. Grande texts Megan Thee Stallion, who replies, "Are you kidding me? Ariana and Jimmy, my two besties? Let's do it."

Fallon was shocked at how quickly things were moving for the song.

"It was nothing a week ago," he said. "And now the two biggest stars in the world are saying, 'Let's play and do a video.' "

Though the result was light-hearted and campy, the video shoot was tough because of everyone's busy schedules. Fallon shot his scenes with Grande in Los Angeles. He then shot his scenes with Megan Thee Stallion in New York.

At a time when getting vaccinated for COVID-19 can be seen as a contentious issue, Fallon hopes people will see the song in the spirit it was created.

"If we can get people to go get the booster or get the vaccine, that'd be amazing," he said. "If not, hopefully it just makes people smile and have a good time."

Fallon said the pandemic inspired him to generate some good cheer.

"That was kind of a wake-up call where you think, 'Why not do as much as we can to make people happy?' " he said. "We forget about these things. And this is a great time to celebrate and get together."

Dec. 19 birthdays: Actor Tim Reid is 77. Actor Elaine Joyce is 76. Singer Janie Fricke is 74. Drummer Lenny White is 72. Actor Mike Lookinland is 61. Actor Jennifer Beals is 58. Magician Criss Angel is 54. Actor Kristy Swanson is 52. Actor Alyssa Milano is 49. Actor Jake Gyllenhaal is 41. Actor Marla Sokoloff is 41. Actor Nik Dodani is 28.

ASK AMY

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Exhausted caregiver deserves some respite

Dear Amy: I hesitate to admit this, but I'm tired of hanging out with my elderly parents. I live an hour from them, while my sisters live five states away.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, I've driven my parents to the family's two-week beach vacation, flown with them to a wedding, and celebrated their anniversary on a weeklong trip.

There are also weekly dinners, shopping trips and birthday parties.

Now we're staring down the barrel of Christmas and a spring wedding, and I'll again be responsible for getting my parents there — and staying with them.

At 86, my mother is extremely anxious for months before an event. I understand, but it's exhausting.

Since every event might be "the last," I go along to get along, already mourning the times she won't be present.

As a sensitive person, I deeply feel this sadness.

This Christmas, I'd like a break from the tradition of traveling to my sisters' state. I would like to put my parents on a plane and head with my husband to an art show far away.

When I floated the idea, my husband said, "But you love to be with your sisters — there's a light in you with them that you don't get anywhere else."

Maybe, but it also means I'd spend two weeks in a house with my parents.

Then again, it might be the last time we're all together!

Can you help me navigate what feels like an enormous emotional minefield?

— *Maxed Headroom*

Dear Maxed: I've been there. And, while you might believe that your current frustration and grief will somehow help you to miss your folks a little less after their passing, it doesn't seem to work that way.

All of these tasks, chores and trips are further bonding you to them. And this, my exhausted friend, is the heartbreaking equation of caregiving: The more you give, the more you lose.

I suggest taking your folks to your sister's house, but you and your husband should stay in a rental house or hotel. Let your sisters take the lead.

Hang out for a few days around the holiday and then — go away!

You could then come back around to pick them up. Or, yes, let one of your sisters bring them home and stay with them for a few days (or weeks!).

If doing this will lead you to torture yourself, then don't do it, but this is what you must tell yourself (because it's true): If you don't take good care of yourself, you will not be able to take good care of your folks.

Respite is vital, and it benefits everyone.

Dear Amy: My spouse is adamant that another couple should join us for our summer vacation; I do not want this.

I like them and enjoy visits with them, but their vacation interests are very different than ours, and so spending a week together on a daily basis is not my idea of fun.

My spouse knows my views and the reasons behind them but is still insistent that they join us.

The only solution I can think of is no vacation.

Can you think of another solution?

— *Hurting*

Dear Hurting: I have, in fact, thought of a solution!

My solution is for your spouse to respect your wishes regarding how to spend your vacation.

When it comes to something as precious as spending one week on holiday with your family, one partner should be granted veto power regarding including people outside the family — and the other partner should respect it.

Dear Amy: Regarding readers' frustration about birthdays that fall on holidays, I read the following: "When he was 41 years old, Robert Louis Stevenson gave his birthday away to a young girl named Annie, the daughter of the American Land Commissioner in Samoa, who was understandably bummed out by the fact that her own birthday fell on Christmas."

I'm very happy to have a birthday on a holiday. I've had a day off from school and work my entire life!

— *Happy With My Holiday*

Dear Happy: I read a charming story about Stevenson's gesture in the Irish Times. It turns out that this birthday gift has been passed down through various members of Annie Ida's family, and is still celebrated, 125 years later.

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Your ascent up the career ladder might not move as swiftly and as easily as you would prefer. This isn't the best time for trying to draw attention to yourself in any way, as it will be all too easy for you to hit a wrong note in the process. Hold off on any major reveals.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You'll only be able to get so far in life for the next month and a half. You're very capable in general. During this phase, you'll be more inclined to stick to what you know and not step out of your comfort zone. You've got cosmic clearance to keep your life as simple as possible.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Life takes a turn for the dramatic today. Deep Intimacy — everything from sex to shared financial resources — these matters might go much less smoothly. This isn't the best time to try and create new bonds with someone, so consider keeping to yourself for a while.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Your relationships will probably feel somewhat conflicted for some time. This phase can make it too easy to think you and a pal are both on the same page when you're not even looking at the same book. Be careful about trying to forge ahead with any important bonds.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): The office might be more of a battlefield than normal for the time being. Co-workers and clients might be less than helpful and much more demanding toward you in the weeks ahead. The pressure they put on your time might give you more than one reason to feel burnt out. Helping others is nice.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It might be hard to tell the difference between positive and negative passion. Romance makes knowing your own feelings extremely difficult. Venus wants to bring you lots of opportunities to enjoy yourself, but now she's not going to have as much time for that. Have faith!

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Things might be a little complicated on the home front for the foreseeable future. Your pleasure turns today, making it difficult to enjoy the little things and get along with everyone else. Be careful about stepping on a relative's toes! It will be too easy for lines to get crossed.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your messages may not hit your intended targets in the way you meant them to. Sticking your foot in your mouth will be dangerously easy, so watch your words! It would also be smart to hold off on any major declarations, as even heartfelt messages are likely to veer off course.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Tighten up your purse strings and put your wallet back in your pocket. You might want to wait on any major purchases, as its likely you won't be happy with the result. You can still have a fun holiday season, but try to find ways of enjoying yourself that don't involve throwing your money around.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You might feel like a bit of a wet blanket today. Unfortunately, you'll probably feel melancholy. You would be especially wise to hold off on making any major changes to your appearance, because satisfaction isn't likely right now. You'll have a better idea of what you want.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Fantastical times may not be as common as they were before. This throws more than a few wrenches in the cosmic works. Love and all the other good aspects of life might feel like they are in short supply during this phase, so be patient with yourself and others if things don't go your way.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Starting today, seeing eye-to-eye with your friends may be harder than usual. In addition to disagreements, Venus's retrograde here may also make it more difficult for you to literally get together with peers. Trust that these matters will be sorted out eventually.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On Dec. 19, 1777, Gen. George Washington led his army of to Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, to camp for the winter.

In 1946, war broke out in Indochina as troops under Ho Chi Minh launched widespread attacks against the French.

In 1972, Apollo 17 splashed down in the Pacific.

In 1998, President Bill Clinton was impeached by the Republican-controlled House for perjury and obstruction of justice.

In 2001, the fires that had burned beneath the ruins of the World Trade Center in New York City were declared extinguished except for a few scattered hot spots.

In 2003, design plans were unveiled for a 1,776-foot glass tower at the site of the World Trade Center.

In 2008, President George W. Bush ordered an emergency bailout of the U.S. auto industry.

LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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SCRABBLEGRAMS

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T1	A1	P3	I1	O1	C3	A1	RACK 3 = 61
U1	N1	L1	E1	A1	S1	H4	RACK 4 = 61
Z10	E1	A1	L1	O1	U1	S1	RACK 5 = 66

PAR SCORE 260-270 TOTAL 345

SUDOKU

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BOGGLE BRAIN BUSTERS!

SEA COVE
POND LAKE INLET
OCEAN HARBOR LAGOON

JUMBLE

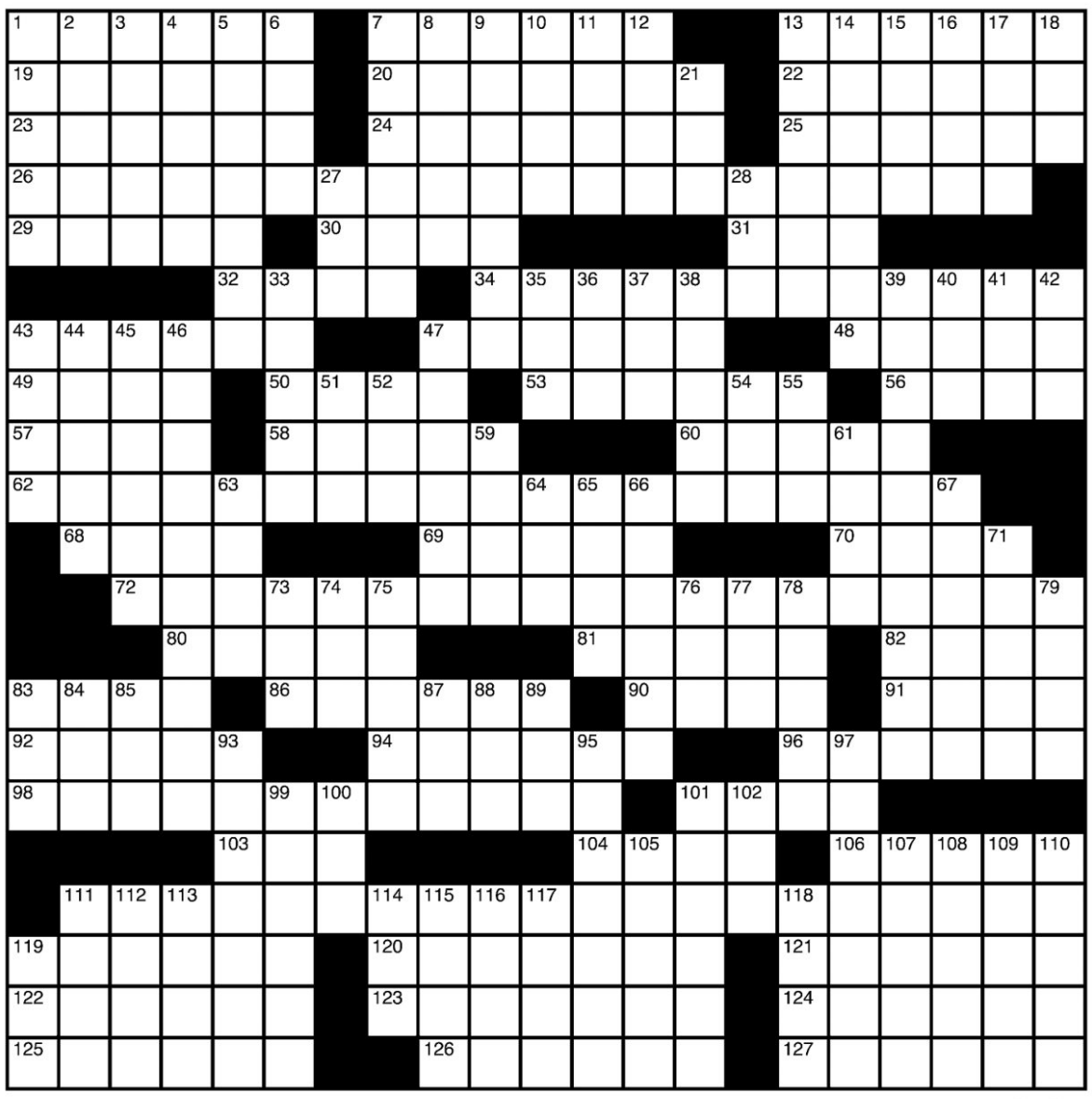
SWEATY ANNUAL
SEASON COZIER
ABRUPT DEGREE

The fluffy feathers had arrived, so the pillow maker could now —

GET DOWN
TO BUSINESS

The Long and Short of It

By Jeffrey Wechsler



Across
1. Make a face, perhaps
7. Tab on old cash registers
13. Tarkington tween
19. Disagreeable
20. Brunch fare
22. Like zebras and donkeys
23. __ pin: metal fastener
24. They know their stuff
25. Plants with flavorful and irritating varieties
26. Sweaters in King Arthur's court?
29. "Ciao!"
30. Shiraz's country
31. PC shortcut key
32. Earth goddess
34. Offshore retreat for comedians?
43. NL West team
47. Thing thrown from a tree?
48. Hotel selection
49. Director Kazan
50. Clog (up)
53. Amsterdam's Anne Frank House, e.g.
56. Swindle
57. "Best ever" acronym
58. Harsh-smelling
60. Spectrum maker
62. Query to a U.K.-focused think tank?
68. Pic, in Peru
69. Buffalo QB Josh
70. Utah ski resort
72. Altered the revealing side of a dress?
80. Work with pupils
81. Mazda two-seater
82. Adverb for Descartes
83. Police force acronym
86. Venue for the premiere of Handel's "Water Music"
90. Genesis casualty
91. Come across
92. Capital of Yemen
94. Allows access
96. Diner counter array
98. Siblings who produce court orders?
101. Tusked beast
103. Like the lower half of the Polish flag
104. Allows access, poetically
106. Major appliances
111. Dieters' interim report on smaller-sized clothes?
119. March
120. Out of the loop
121. Prison with a Greek eponym
122. Worshipper
123. Lead off
124. Kitchen gadget
125. Defy
126. Biological quintet
127. Members of the genus Vipera

Down
1. Saves, with "away"
2. Pot boiler in "Macbeth"
3. Remove, as a knot
4. Female driver Ortiz of "Fast & Furious" films
5. Augur
6. Rookie
7. Cosa __
8. Missouri River city
9. Ordinal for Uranus
10. Bygone fruit spray
11. Longtime TV host who gives automotive advice in "Popular Mechanics"
12. Caesar's penultimate words
13. Mortar partner
14. Congo line?
15. More than cold
16. Currency of 30-Across
17. In the distant past
18. __ Arc, Arkansas
21. Common ID
27. Quaint word of revulsion
28. South Asian lentil dish
33. Evaluate
35. Sam-I-Am offering
36. Rutgers URL ending
37. Android alternative
38. Won all the games
39. Official note from the boss
40. What beaux do
41. Texter's letters for two cents?
42. "That's unfortunate"
43. Simon who played Scotty in 2009's "Star Trek"
44. Distant
45. Unicellular alga
46. Onomatopoeic rapping
47. Notebook type
51. Network for film buffs
52. Gold in La Paz
54. Sch. near Providence
55. Term starter
59. Chopped liver purveyor
61. Something taken on a bus
63. Transfer point
64. Sammie with crunch
65. Twenty quires
66. Bay of Bengal's ocean
67. Sound system
71. Madonna companion, in much art
73. Put away
74. Dresden "Drat!"
75. Word on old tablets
76. Hook partner
77. The VW Amarok, e.g.
78. __ fresca: pico de gallo
79. Little ones
83. Bismarck-to-Tucson dir.
84. Journalist Hemingway's assignment
85. Singer DiFranco
87. "No big deal"
88. Summer at the Sorbonne
89. Bygone geopolitical abbr.
93. Wears down
95. Meteorological lines
97. Put on display, with "out"
99. Go back
100. Dedicated verse
101. Engenders
102. Brutus Buckeye is its mascot: Abbr.
105. Intrinsically
107. Made an official choice
108. IRS option
109. More amiable
110. Marquee names
111. Enjoy the kiddie pool
112. Cupid analog
113. Sreenivasan of PBS News
114. Oft-corked container
115. Chicago pizzeria franchise, familiarly
116. Security source
117. Hotel bed request
118. Valley with vintners
119. Course goal for many

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SCRABBLEGRAMS

Directions: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All words are in the Official SCRABBLE Players Dictionary, 4th Edition.

E1	I1	I1	O1	S1	M3	S1	RACK 1
A1	I1	Y4	L1	L1	R1	C3	2nd Letter Double — RACK 2
I1	O1	Y4	J8	L1	K5	L1	Triple Word Score — RACK 3
A1	E1	I1	V4	N1	L1	J8	RACK 4
A1	E1	E1	E1	V4	L1	D2	RACK 5

PAR SCORE 265-275
BEST SCORE 366

FIVE RACK TOTAL ____
TIME LIMIT: 25 MIN

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JUMBLE

By Jeff Knurek and David L. Hoyt
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Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form six ordinary words.

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SUDOKU

By The Mepham Group

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BOGGLE BRAIN BUSTERS!

By David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

Instructions: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

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LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS, D6

MY PET WORLD

Choosing a kennel after your dog is injured at one

By Cathy M. Rosenthal
Tribune Content Agency

DREAMSTIME

Dear Cathy: We have an 8-year-old 50-pound whippet/German shepherd mix who is very smart and has a wonderful personality. Last summer, we boarded her for a week at a dog kennel. She had been there before with no issues. When we picked her up, it was obvious that another dog had attacked her.

The kennel owner denied this, but two independent veterinarians agreed that her injuries were from a dog attack. They treated her with antibiotics and were especially concerned about an eye injury. We were equally concerned about her spirit, which needed months to get back to her usual confidence.

We are traveling in a few weeks and cannot locate anyone to dog-sit her. We made reservations for her at a different kennel but are very worried that this arrangement might set her recovery back. Any ideas?

— Marge, Riverhead, New York

Dear Marge: I am sorry to hear about your dog's injury. Dogs, even social dogs, can get into tussles with each other, especially in unfamiliar surroundings and with none of their family around. The problem is, the kennel should have owned up to what happened.

Ideally, it would be great to find someone to stay at your house with her. If you have no choice, though, I want to familiarize you with the main types of kennels that you can choose from and then make suggestions on what to do for her.

Traditional kennels provide basic services, including a fenced kennel space, an exercise run, dog walking options and temperature-controlled environments. Dogs don't generally interact with each other. Kennels with day care options give the more social dog some off-leash playtime with other dogs. These kennels usually require a temperament test before a dog can be kenneled at the facility.

Veterinary clinics may board pets in their clinic or operate a separate kennel facility. Veterinary boarding kennels generally don't have a lot of bells and whistles, but they are great for dogs and cats who may need a veterinarian to check in on them. They also tend to restrict interaction between pets.

Finally, whether they are called resorts, hotels, camps, farms, spas or doggy B&B's, these upscale facilities offer extended amenities. Dogs can take nature walks, get massages, exercise in swimming pools, sign-up for group playtime or brush up on obedience skills, depending on what you choose and can afford. They may have televisions and couches in their "rooms," mimicking the modern dog's home life. These facilities often have cameras so you can check on your dog via the internet throughout her stay. While interaction with other dogs is optional, they often require a temperament test as well.

My suggestion is to visit several kennels and ask them many questions about how they care for the dogs and how the other dogs interact (or don't interact) with each other. Share your dog's story with the kennel manager or owner. Don't reveal which kennel it was or go into detail as to what the kennel did or didn't do. Just explain what happened to your dog, so they can give her some extra "TLC" when she is there.

Once you find a kennel you like, plan for her to spend at least one night there before your trip. If she seems OK after one night, then she will probably be OK for the weeklong stay.

Dear Cathy: My cat has a problem with excessive grooming. She will lick and scratch and bite herself all day and most of the night and end up with scabs on her back, especially by her tail, where her back meets her tail. I have given her prednisone shots once in a while, but the relief is short term. What can I do for her?

— Eileen, Redwood City, California

Dear Eileen: If it's nonstop as you say, then she is definitely suffering. Excessive grooming may result from food or skin allergies, localized pain, fleas or even anxiety. (When it's anxiety, it's called psychogenic alopecia.) You need to isolate the cause so she can receive the appropriate treatment.

Take her to her veterinarian for a health exam. If it's food allergies, your vet will recommend switching her to a limited ingredient diet.

If it's fleas, your vet will recommend putting her on a flea preventive. If it's anxiety, your veterinarian may prescribe anti-anxiety medication.

In addition, you can introduce some feline pheromones into the home via a collar, spray or plug-in, increase her daily playtime and provide regular grooming sessions, as all these things can have a calming effect on an anxious cat.

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Fake eyelashes are a big trend continuing into 2022. DREAMSTIME

The supersize fake eyelashes are another trend that'll pass

Ellen Warren
Answer Angel

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: What is with the Invasion of the Fake Eyelashes? Are they supposed to look like Halloween costumes come to life? Everywhere I go, it seems, I see (mostly) young women with enormous not-found-in-nature lashes. They remind me of hairy tarantulas stuck on their eyelids. Where did this trend come from and why? Your thoughts and what do your readers think of them?

— Grace L.

Dear Grace: My first thought on this trend — and it is a big trend continuing into 2022 — is this too shall pass. So, if you think Doll Eyes are not for you, just know this particular enhancement will fade away.

Some of us remember Twiggy, the teen Brit international supermodel of the 1960s — she's 72 now — whose faux lashes were quite the eye-catching trademark back then. Same goes for the enormous lashes of Tammy Faye Messner in the '80s.

Actually, a subtler eyelash boost can genuinely make a difference and look quite natural. In the last year I've bought three sets of artificial lashes at Target. I worked up the courage to try to glue them on, made a sticky mess of it and said the hell with it.

Clearly, these things take some practice. I've bought another set and am going to give them one more try. I'll let you know how it goes.

And on the subject of trends, here's a new one on me ...

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: As my jeans and casual pants wear out, I must purchase new ones every so often. Without being crass, my older jeans have zippers that extend fully down to the crotch, enabling me to easily access myself to use a urinal. (After all, isn't this the purpose of a zipper?) Many "new" pants have reduced the zipper size by 50 to 75%. This presents a challenge for the male anatomy. I am guessing other male shoppers just accept this and keep buying the junk. My dilemma is finding a pair of pants with zippers that are long enough to use the urinals.

I know profits drive manufacturing, but companies should not cheapen the zipper just for a few pennies' savings. Other than me shopping at resale stores, I am out of ideas. Help if you can.

— Charles S.

Dear Charles: You don't say what stores or pants brands you've found lacking in the zipper department, but my own survey in menswear shops, department stores and big-box stores found plenty of pants with more generous zippers.

One example: My friend Tom C. buys his jeans and work pants at Costco and finds the zippers are just fine. Look harder, Charles, and you'll still find trousers with zippers in the customary 9- to 11-inch range.

More advice: Find the dressing room and try before you buy. I'm sure cost-saving entered into manufacturers' shortsightedness. Another likely (and related) explanation is they're using the same size zippers on standard and low-rise pants. One more suggestion: Undo the button or snap if nature calls.

Now it's your turn

Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to answerangelellen@gmail.com.

In-laws' in-laws are dictating woman's vacation wardrobe

Judith Martin
Miss Manners

Dear Miss Manners: A few months ago, my husband and I, along with his parents, his sister and her husband, decided to go to a lake resort for a week. Each couple paid for their accommodations separately.

My husband's sister married into a very religious family with a strict "modesty" dress code for women. When we are with just her and her husband, I don't have to comply with it (they're more liberal). But if her in-laws are there, my in-laws ask that I do comply.

I have done so when we visit this family, when we attend events hosted by them, and when my own in-laws host events to which they are invited. The reasoning is that I need to do so because their children will be present, and I should set an example. I am fine with this; these are not my events, so I follow the rules or stay home.

However, several members of this family, who live near the resort, have now decided they would like to come, too. My MIL texted me, "Sorry! But you'll have to dress modestly!" And then my SIL followed up with a link to where I could buy a modest "bathing dress" with sleeves, a long skirt and "swimming leggings."

For the record, their dress code is quite strict. Women cannot wear pants, only skirts and dresses. Tops must cover shoulders and elbows. Necklines must be at the clavicle. Skirts must extend past the knee.

I was looking forward to this vacation. I don't want to buy a week's worth of modest clothing. I don't want to wear a bathing dress. I want to wear my chosen clothing. My planned wardrobe for this trip is far from risque. But my one-piece swimsuit, sundresses (even with a shawl) and jeans/shorts/hiking pants still violate all their requirements.

My husband says he'll "back me up," but he's not going to "start anything." So it's up to me.

Am I being rude for not abiding by modesty requirements on a trip that I'm paying for, and using my vacation days for? Should I give my MIL and SIL fair warning that I'm not going to comply (so that this family can decide accordingly if they want to come)? Is it best to ask forgiveness rather than permission and wear the clothing I'd planned? Or must I cancel and stay home?

Gentle reader: Surely, this family must visit establishments where people do not abide by their dress requirements.

Miss Manners suggests a compromise: "I am afraid that I won't be able to purchase an entirely new wardrobe for this trip, but will do my best to comply with the dress standards when we are visiting their rooms or are invited out by them."

If the family insists that this is not sufficient, then they will have to make their own arrangements not to see you.

Dear Miss Manners: I'm 60 years old, based in the U.K. and newly retired. I moved to a small town on the edge of an area of natural beauty. Some former colleagues have indicated that once it is safe to mix again, they'll come to visit me.

I think the location is part of the attraction. I'm a 60- to 90-minute drive away from them.

I don't want to see them. We only had work in common, and I don't particularly like these people.

I've always had a strong drive to please people and keep things pleasant, which meant that I often bit my lip when personal comments were made about me "in jest" at work. I don't think these people were intentionally unkind, just unthinking.

I should have spoken up when it happened, but I let them think it didn't matter. Also, during the last two years of my working life, my caregiving responsibilities for my parents increased and I just didn't want any disharmony or additional stress.

I'm hoping they will simply forget about visiting me as time goes on. We aren't in regular contact and I don't instigate any messages. If they do bring up the issue again, is it fair to respond by saying it is kind of them to offer to visit; however, I no longer want to meet up? In my view, we had a work-based "friendship" and time has moved on.

Gentle reader: It seems clear you have outgrown your penchant for pleasing people, and Miss Manners therefore agrees that no good will come of renewed contact. She would, however, prefer that you simply say you are unavailable each time you are asked, which will make your point without requiring your former colleagues to revise their opinion of your kindly nature.

To send a question to the Miss Manners team of Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin, go to missmanners.com or write them c/o Universal Uclick, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.

Service dogs help ease PTSD symptoms in vets

Partners experience less anger, anxiety, use of prescriptions

By Stephanie O'Neill
Kaiser Health News

Danyelle Clark-Gutierrez and her service dog, Lisa, shop for food at a grocery store. **STEPHANIE O'NEILL/KAISER HEALTH NEWS**

It was supper time in the Whittier, California, home of Air Force veteran Danyelle Clark-Gutierrez, and eagerly awaiting a bowl of kibble and canned dog food was Lisa, a 3-year-old yellow Labrador retriever.

Her nails clicking on the kitchen floor as she danced about, Lisa looked more like an exuberant puppy than the highly trained service animal that helps Clark-Gutierrez manage the symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder.

"Having her now, it's like I can go anywhere," Clark-Gutierrez said. "And, yes, if somebody did come at me, I'd have warning — I could run."

A growing body of research into PTSD and service animals paved the way for President Joe Biden to sign into law the Puppies Assisting Wounded Servicemembers (PAWS) for Veterans Therapy Act. The legislation, enacted in August, requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to open its service dog referral program to veterans with PTSD and to launch a five-year pilot program in which veterans with PTSD train service dogs for other veterans.

Clark-Gutierrez, 33, is among the 25% of female veterans who have reported experiencing military sexual trauma while serving in the U.S. armed services.

Military sexual trauma, combat violence and brain injuries are some of the experiences that increase the risk that service members will develop PTSD. Symptoms include flashbacks to the traumatic event, severe anxiety, nightmares and hypervigilance — all normal reactions to experiencing or witnessing violence, according to psychologists. Someone receives a PTSD diagnosis when symptoms worsen or remain for months or years.

That's what Clark-Gutierrez said happened to her after ongoing sexual harassment by a fellow airman escalated to a physical attack about a decade ago. A lawyer with three children, she said that to feel safe leaving her home she needed her husband by her side. After diagnosing Clark-Gutierrez with PTSD, doctors at VA hospitals prescribed a cascade of medications for her. At one point, Clark-Gutierrez said, her prescriptions added up to more than a dozen pills a day.

"I had medication, and then I had medication for the two or three side effects for each medication," she said. "And every time they gave me a new med, they had to give me three more. I just couldn't do it anymore. I was just getting so tired. So we started looking at other therapies."

And that's how she got her service dog, Lisa. Clark-Gutierrez's husband, also an Air Force veteran, discovered the nonprofit group K9s for Warriors, which rescues dogs — many from kill shelters — and trains them to be service animals for veterans with PTSD. Lisa is one of about 700 dogs the group has paired with veterans dealing with symptoms caused by traumatic experiences.

"Now with Lisa we take bike rides, we go down to the park, we go to Home Depot," said Clark-Gutierrez. "I go grocery shopping — normal-people things that I get to do that I didn't get to do before Lisa."

That comes as no surprise to Maggie O'Haire, an associate professor of human-animal interaction at Purdue University. Her research suggests that while service dogs aren't necessarily a cure for PTSD, they do ease its symptoms.

Among her published studies is one showing that veterans partnered with these dogs experience less anger and anxiety and get better sleep than those without a service dog. Another of her studies suggests that service dogs lower cortisol levels in veterans who have been traumatized.

"We actually saw patterns of that stress hormone that were more similar to healthy adults who don't have post-traumatic stress disorder," O'Haire said.

A congressionally mandated VA study that focuses on service dogs' impact on veterans with PTSD and was published this year suggests that those partnered with the animals experience less suicidal ideation and more improvement to their symptoms than those without them.

Until now, the federal dog referral program — which relies on nonprofit service dog organizations to pay for the dogs and to provide them to veterans for free — required that participating veterans have a physical mobility issue, such as a lost limb, paralysis or blindness. Veterans like Clark-Gutierrez who have PTSD but no physical disability were on their own in arranging for a service dog.

PTSD service dogs are often confused with emotional support dogs, said Rory Diamond, CEO of K9s for Warriors. The latter provide companionship and are not trained to support someone with a disability. PTSD service dogs cost about $25,000 to adopt and train, he said.

Diamond explained that the command "cover" means "the dog will sit next to the warrior, look behind them and alert them if someone comes up from behind." The command "block" means the dog will "stand perpendicular and give them some space from whatever's in front of them."

Retired Army Master Sgt. David Crenshaw of Kearny, New Jersey, said his service dog, Doc, has changed his life.

"We teach in the military to have a battle buddy," Crenshaw said. "And these service animals act as a battle buddy."

A few months ago, Crenshaw experienced this firsthand. He had generally avoided large gatherings because persistent hypervigilance is one symptom of his combat-caused PTSD. But this summer, Doc, a pointer and Labrador mix, helped Crenshaw navigate the crowds at Disney World — a significant first for Crenshaw and his family of five.

"I was not agitated. I was not anxious. I was not upset," said Crenshaw, 39. "It was truly, truly amazing and so much so that I didn't even have to even stop to think about it in the moment. It just happened naturally."

Thanks to Doc, Crenshaw said, he no longer takes PTSD drugs or self-medicates with alcohol. Clark-Gutierrez said Lisa, too, has helped her quit using alcohol and stop taking VA-prescribed medications for panic attacks, nightmares and periods of disassociation.

The dogs actually save the VA money over time, Diamond said.

"Our warriors are far less likely to be on expensive prescription drugs, are far less likely to use other VA services and far more likely to go to school or go to work. So it's a win-win-win across the board."

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Saffron shows promise for treatment of retinal disease

By Joe Graedon, M.S., and Teresa Graedon, Ph.D.
King Features Syndicate

Scientists found that saffron helps vision both in rats exposed to harmful light and in people with AMD. **DREAMSTIME**

Q: Several years ago I was diagnosed with the early stages of age-related macular degeneration (AMD). My eye doctor prescribed Avastin injections into the eye. Later, he changed the injection to Eylea.

In addition, I started taking both saffron and hesperidin supplements to reduce inflammation and leaky blood vessels. So far, this regimen is working well for me. I am still driving, something I was told would not be possible if my vision deteriorated.

My eye doctor rolls his eyes when I mention the supplements. Is there any science to support these natural remedies?

A: Aflibercept (Eylea) is approved by the Food and Drug Administration for treating wet AMD. In this condition, blood vessels in the retina begin to leak. The resulting fluid buildup at the back of the eye impairs vision, especially in the middle of the visual field. The supplements you mention have not been approved by the FDA for treating AMD.

However, European researchers have found evidence supporting saffron. For example, Italian scientists found that saffron stabilizes vision both in rats exposed to harmful light and in people with AMD (Antioxidants, July 17, 2019). Spanish researchers considered studies of saffron against retinal disease (Neural Regeneration Research, August 2020). They concluded, "This review showed that saffron extracts could be considered promising therapeutic agents to help in the treatment of ocular neurodegenerative diseases."

In addition, French investigators report positive results from crocin and crocetin, compounds derived from saffron (Oxidative Medicine and Cellular Longevity, Dec. 8, 2020). There has been much less research on hesperidin, a flavonoid found in citrus fruit.

Q: I have been having trouble falling asleep. I cannot get my mind to stop churning. I tried melatonin, but it didn't help. Then I read that an Indian herb called ashwagandha might be helpful. So far, taking it before bedtime seems to help me calm down and fall asleep. What should I know about ashwagandha?

A: A systematic review of five randomized controlled trials found that ashwagandha (Withania somnifera) "has a beneficial effect in improving sleep in adults" (PloS One, Sept. 24, 2021). That review did not turn up any serious side effects, but some people find that it can give them headaches, diarrhea, nausea and vomiting. Others have reported elevated liver enzymes.

Other herbs that have traditionally been used to overcome insomnia include valerian, passionflower, lemon balm and hops. Lavender, when used as aromatherapy, can also help people relax and get to sleep (Medicine, March 5, 2021).

Q: I'm one of the people whose cholesterol goes up when I drink unfiltered coffee. Will the Keurig or other coffee machines that use pods do the same?

A: Unfiltered coffee, such as the kind you get when you use a French press, could raise cholesterol. Compounds in coffee such as cafestol and kahweol are thought to be the culprits.

Filters can remove these chemicals from coffee. Pods do contain small filters. It is not clear, however, whether they can eliminate cafestol as well as larger paper or fabric filters.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www.peoplespharmacy.com.

Q&A

Deciding between heart valve replacements requires thought

Mayo Clinic

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Q: My father is having issues with his aortic valve. He is 53 years old and was told he needs to have a valve replacement. I was reading that there are different types of valves. Can you explain the differences and what option may be best?

A: There are four major valves in the heart, two on the left side of the heart (aortic and mitral) and two on the right side of the heart (pulmonary and tricuspid). Heart valves serve as "one-way doors" allowing blood flow through the heart. Valves can fail because they have difficulties opening (stenosis), leaking (regurgitation) or both. These conditions may lead to heart valve surgery. Sometimes, when the mitral or tricuspid valves fail because of regurgitation, they can be repaired. And if a valve is repairable, that is preferred to replacement.

However, many times, valves require replacement when they fail. There are two major types of prostheses used for valve replacements: mechanical valves and tissue valves. One type of prosthesis may be a better option for your father, so which valve is right requires some thought.

Mechanical valves are most commonly used when replacing the aortic and mitral valves. Types of mechanical prostheses have evolved over time, but most modern ones are made of pyrolytic carbon and have two tilting discs that allow blood to flow one way through them.

Mechanical valves require a cardiac surgeon to remove the existing valve — most commonly via a midline incision through the breastbone — and requires stopping the heart. The greatest benefit of a mechanical valve is durability. I generally think of mechanical valves as lasting forever. However, mechanical valves require the blood thinner warfarin to keep them from clotting and aspirin. Although there are new anticoagulant medications being used for other indications, the only blood thinner that is appropriate for mechanical valves is warfarin. Warfarin increases a patient's risk of bleeding and is not suggested for use during pregnancy.

Tissue valves are made from porcine (pig) or bovine (cow) tissue and can be used to replace any cardiac valve. Tissue valves can be implanted surgically, just like mechanical valves, where the old valve is removed and the new prosthesis is sewn in its place.

There are two main benefits to a tissue valve. First, the potential option for transcatheter delivery (particularly in aortic stenosis); and second, the fact that after the initial implantation time period, they do not require warfarin, only aspirin. The biggest drawback of tissue valves is their durability. An average tissue prosthesis lifespan is about 10 years, however, in younger patients or those on dialysis, they can deteriorate much faster. When tissue prostheses fail, they become stenotic or regurgitant, just like native valves, and then require repeat replacement.

So, which valve is right for your father? The risk of valve infection does not differ between tissue and mechanical prostheses, and neither require immunosuppressive medications. If valve replacement is needed on a right-sided valve in a patient older than 70 or in patients with contraindications to warfarin, a tissue valve is likely the right choice. In patients younger than 50 or patients already on anticoagulation for other reasons, such as atrial fibrillation, a mechanical valve is often the right choice.

As your father is still relatively young, it is important that he talks with his cardiologist about the pros and cons of his personal situation so he can make an informed decision.

— Jeffrey Geske, M.D., Cardiovascular Medicine, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota

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Inaugural star and 'celebrity' moves from stage to page

Amanda Gorman's expansive new book functions like a debut for young poet

By Molly Young
The New York Times

Amanda Gorman reads a poem during the inauguration of President Joe Biden on Jan. 20 at the U.S. Capitol in Washington.
ERIN SCHAFF/THE NEW YORK TIMES

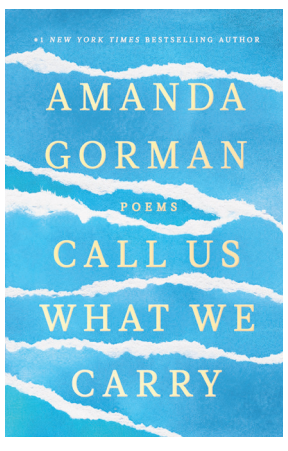
To recite at the inauguration of a U.S. president is to occupy what must be the biggest poetry platform on earth. When Amanda Gorman took the stage on Jan. 20, there was a collective swiveling of heads: Who's that? The inaugural poet was 22 years old and recited a work of about 700 words. The register of the poem was optimism, the language was direct and the imagery simple: light, dawn, shade, sea. The poem's prescription to "let us leave behind a country better than the one we were left" plowed deliberately into cliché, but Gorman stuck the landing — partly because of the context and mostly because of her delivery. It was exactly the right text for the occasion.

That poem, "The Hill We Climb," drew on Gorman's strengths: the rhythm of her syllables, the vigor of her performance and her gift for concealing razor blades in lines of pillowy hope. Take the following stanza:

We, the successors of a country and a time
Where a skinny Black girl,
Descended from slaves and raised by a single mother,
Can dream of becoming president,
Only to find herself reciting for one.

The blade, if you overlooked it, is "Only to find herself reciting for one," which can be read in at least two ways. Maybe it's a plain acknowledgment of Gorman's triumph; she was one of just six poets to read at an American inauguration, and by far the youngest. Maybe it's a tart observation about performing a service (an honorable and prestigious service, but a service) for a politician with a troubled record on, among other things, race — something that Gorman, who is keenly interested in American history, would not have missed. That "only" is either an expression of wonderment or, read in the sense of "merely," a skeptically raised eyebrow. Nested inside the line's ambiguity is yet another one, embedded within the phrase "to find herself." To find oneself is an act of self-invention; to find oneself doing something suggests the passive and aimless opposite of self-invention.

All of which is to say: If Gorman's performance was widely perceived as existing in one mode — an exuberant call to action and, per the assignment, a meditation on unity — its effect on the page is more subtle, and strewn throughout with subversive detonations. "The Hill We Climb" is the final poem in "Call Us What We Carry," a sprawling collection with references ranging from "Ghostbusters" to Shakespeare to Carly Simon to Plato and influences that include Anne Carson, Lucille Clifton, Abraham Lincoln and Homer.



'Call Us What We Carry: Poems'
By Amanda Gorman; Viking, 228 pages, $25

It is not Gorman's first book but it functions like a debut, coming in the wake of her instant elevation to the rare status of "celebrity poet."

Poet and professor Stephanie Burt has written that "there is no one purpose to all poetry; there are only poems, lots of them, memorable and ridiculous and calm and volatile and heartbreaking and fascinating poems." Gorman packs all of the above into one volume. There are focused and pithy poems. There are poems arranged in playfully heretical formats: a "Roses are red, violets are blue" poem, a poem in the shape of a face mask, a poem in the form of a text exchange. There is reverence and effervescence; gravity and impishness, strong poems and weak poems.

The weak poems suffer from a reliance on dusty imagery. ("Some griefs, like rivers, are uncross/able. They are not to be waded across/but walked beside.") The strong poems are those in which Gorman unsheathes her blade, calling the crescent moon "night's lucent lesion" or offering a phrase that would seem to uplift — "The earth is a magic act;/Each second something beautiful" — only to pierce the balloon after a line break:

The earth is a magic act;
Each second something beautiful
On its stage vanishes ...

An idiosyncrasy of the book is Gorman's fondness for didactic digressions. One poem contains a note on Spanish verb conjugation, another features an explanation of stereotypic behavior in captive animals, a third includes a pocket history of the 1918 influenza pandemic. When these work, it feels as if Gorman is picking shiny apples of knowledge and presenting the best specimens in a basket for the reader's enjoyment. When they don't work — one poem contains a footnote directing readers to a David Brooks article from The Atlantic about collapsing levels of social trust — they feel like excruciating intrusions.

I could imagine a world in which "Call Us What We Carry" were split into two or three separate books, each more narrowly adhering to one of Gorman's many modes. Maybe those books would have been easier to digest. But I don't get the sense that "digestibility" is high on the poet's list of writerly priorities, and I found the variation in "Call Us What We Carry" to be mostly stimulating rather than discombobulating — an act of both courage and mischief. Why not experiment, mess around a little, throw your voice, ventriloquize, pick up one form and put it down and move on to another?

One of Gorman's themes is that the body is a work in progress: the body politic as much as our fleshy forms. Given that conviction, it follows that she'd configure her body of work along similarly volatile lines.

Yeats said we produce rhetoric out of the quarrel with others and poetry out of the quarrel with ourselves. Gorman makes the case that poetry may come from both.

NATIONAL BESTSELLERS

HARDCOVER FICTION

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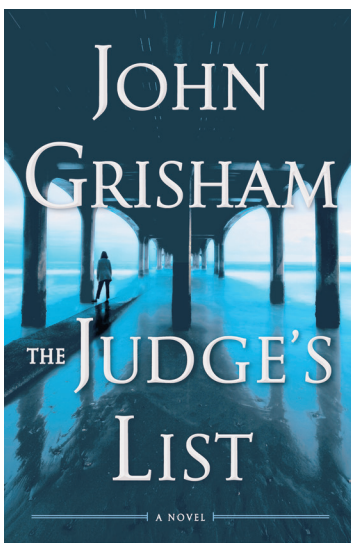


2. "The Stranger in the Lifeboat" by Mitch Albom (Harper) *Last week: 4*

3. "The Wish" by Nicholas Sparks (Grand Central) *Last week: 6*

4. "Go Tell the Bees That I Am Gone (Outlander)" by Diana Gabaldon (Delacorte) *Last week: 1*

5. "Wish You Were Here" by Jodi Picoult (Ballantine) *Last week: 2*

6. "Fear No Evil" by James Patterson (Little, Brown) *Last week: 5*

7. "The Lincoln Highway" by Amor Towles (Viking) *Last week: 7*

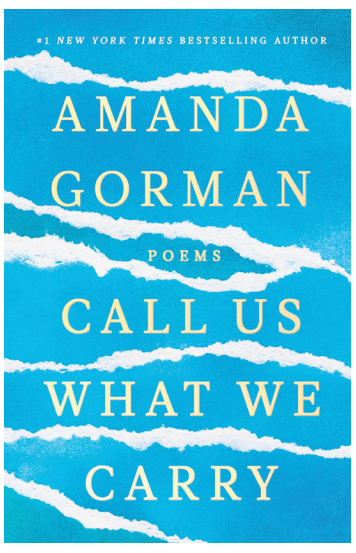
8. "D&D: Strixhaven: Curriculum of Chaos" (Wizards of the Coast) *Last week: —*

9. "Cloud Cuckoo Land" by Anthony Doerr (Scribner) *Last week: 14*

10. "Mercy" by David Baldacci (Grand Central) *Last week: 10*

HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. "Call Us What We Carry: Poems" by Amanda Gorman (Viking) *Last week: —*



2. "Atlas of the Heart: Mapping Meaningful Connection and the Language of Human Experience" by Brene Brown (Random House) *Last week: 1*

3. "The Real Anthony Fauci: Bill Gates, Big Pharma, and the Global War on Democracy and Public Health (Children's Health Defense)" by Robert F. Kennedy Jr. (Skyhorse) *Last week: 8*

4. "For Such a Time as This: My Faith Journey through the White House and Beyond" by Kayleigh Mcenany (Post Hill) *Last week: —*

5. "All American Christmas" by Rachel Campos-Duffy and Sean Duffy (Broadside) *Last week: 2*

6. "The Pioneer Woman Cooks — Super Easy!: 120 Shortcut Recipes for Dinners, Desserts, and More" by Ree Drummond (Morrow) *Last week: 3*

7. "Jesus Listens: Daily Devotional Prayers of Peace, Joy, and Hope (the NEW 365-day Prayer Book)" by Sarah Young (Thomas Nelson) *Last week: 10*

8. "There and Back: Photographs from the Edge" by Jimmy Chin (Ten Speed) *Last week: —*

9. "Guinness World Records 2022" (Guinness World Records) *Last week: 6*

10. "The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story" by Nikole Hannah-Jones (One World) *Last week: 4*

For the week ended Dec. 11, compiled from data from independent and chain bookstores, book wholesalers and independent distributors nationwide.

— Publishers Weekly

Nearly 100, Betty White has lived a page-turner of a book

By Lynn Elber
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A photo of Betty White, with dimpled smile and guileless gaze, fills the cover of a coffee table book arriving the month before her 100th birthday.

The image evokes the genuine White, according to the book's author, Ray Richmond. After digging into her life and career, he concluded that she's as warm and appealing as appearances would have it.

But her willingness to play against type, whether as scheming Sue Ann on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" or naive Rose of "The Golden Girls," proves how game and talented White is, said Richmond.

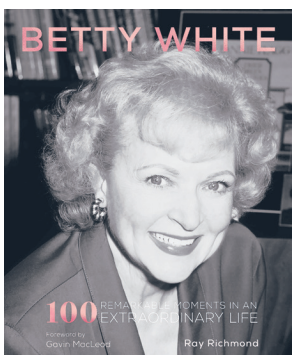
That, coupled with an impressive work ethic, carried her from a cameo on television in its 1930s infancy to the darling of "Saturday Night Live" in the 21st century, with a myriad of show business gigs along the way.

"You could make a convincing case that Betty White is the most versatile and beloved entertainer in American history," said Richmond.

Besides starring in sitcoms and making guest appearances in dozens of others, she was a reliably witty game show host and guest; parade emcee (California's Rose Parade and New York's Thanksgiving Day parade) and soap opera actor ("The Bold and the Beautiful"). She dabbled in drama on the big screen (including as a U.S. senator in 1962's "Advise & Consent") and on TV ("Bones," "Boston Legal").

Hosting "Saturday Night Live" in 2010 — at age 88 — earned her a fifth Emmy Award and a new generation of admirers.

White, who will reach centenarian status on Jan. 17, 2022, didn't participate in the book. Richmond, a veteran entertainment reporter and critic, instead relied on research and interviews with her friends and colleagues, including Carol Burnett, Candice Bergen and Gavin MacLeod (Murray on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show").



'Betty White: 100 Remarkable Moments in an Extraordinary Life'
By Ray Richmond; becker&mayer! Books, 256 pages, $35

MacLeod, who died last May at age 90, wrote the book's forward. Saluting White as a great performer and "national treasure," he deemed her "one of the most caring and loving human beings I've ever known."

She's also a pro, said Bill D'Elia, producer with David E. Kelley of "Boston Legal." Kelley, who had worked with White on his film "Lake Placid," delighted in giving her salty language and bad behavior to play, D'Elia says in the book.

"David loved the contrast of her image versus what the character was saying," he said. "She would happily say anything and do anything the story and script called for."

The book briefly sketches her early years before moving to a breezily detailed account of White's success in Hollywood.

The great loves of her life — husband Allen Ludden, who was a game show host, and animals of all breeds — also get attention. Among the book's photos is one of the couple on the day of their Las Vegas wedding in 1963 (Ludden died in 1981).

There are also studio and publicity shots of White alone and with her co-stars. One was taken the night she, Bea Arthur, Rue McClanahan and Estelle Getty reenacted scenes from "The Golden Girls" at a royal variety show in London attended by Britain's Queen Mother, who is said to have requested their performance.

Among the moments and milestones recounted in "Betty White: 100 Remarkable Moments in an Extraordinary Life":

■ "The Betty White Show," with White hosting a half-hour of songs and interviews, debuted in 1954 on NBC. It included 21-year-old Black tap dancer Arthur Duncan at a time when people of color were rarely seen on TV. Station managers citing viewer complaints threatened to pull the show. A defiant White began booking Duncan more frequently, with the network's backing. Duncan, who became a longtime regular on "The Lawrence Welk Show" starting in the 1960s and is now 88, is quoted in the book saluting White for "opening a lot of doors for me in performing."

■ White moved in glamorous circles, and created them. Burnett recalls joining "game nights" at the White-Ludden house. Charades, board games and such were the entertainment, and "they would have people there like Fred Astaire just hanging around. And Burt Reynolds. My gosh, there were just so many," Burnett said.

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UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Shorthanded UConn in a top-10 showdown with Louisville

By Alexa Philippou
Hartford Courant

The No. 7 UConn women's basketball team has one challenge standing between it and the holiday break, but it's a big one. The Huskies face No. 6 Louisville Sunday in the Basketball Hall of Fame Women's Showcase at Mohegan Sun Arena, their sole game in a 17-day stretch spanning most of December.

UConn seeks its third win over a ranked team this season, and its first against a top-10 opponent, but it'll have to do so without reigning national player of the year Paige Bueckers (knee), sophomore backup point guard Nika Mühl (foot), freshman Azzi Fudd (foot) and junior Aubrey Griffin (back). This could be the final game the Huskies will face this shorthanded, as Fudd and Mühl could return after the holiday.

But for a UConn team that struggled with offensive execution even with a healthy Bueckers, Louisville poses a particularly tough challenge with its pressure defense. Since losing two-time ACC player of the year Dana Evans to the WNBA Draft this past year, the Cardinals have established a defensive identity as their calling card.

"We've just been simplifying [our offense] for us, just kind of reading the defense," said redshirt senior Evina Westbrook on how the Huskies have been preparing. "Back-cutting is going to be huge for us, just reading all their overplays. They're going to be really aggressive."

Senior Olivia Nelson-Ododa added that the team has been put in pressure situations all week, both in the half and full court, and that practice players have been asked to overplay, step up on passes and pressure the Huskies when they pick up their dribble.

Limiting turnovers will be critical, too — both of UConn's losses came when they committed over 15 turnovers, including 16 against Georgia Tech without Bueckers.

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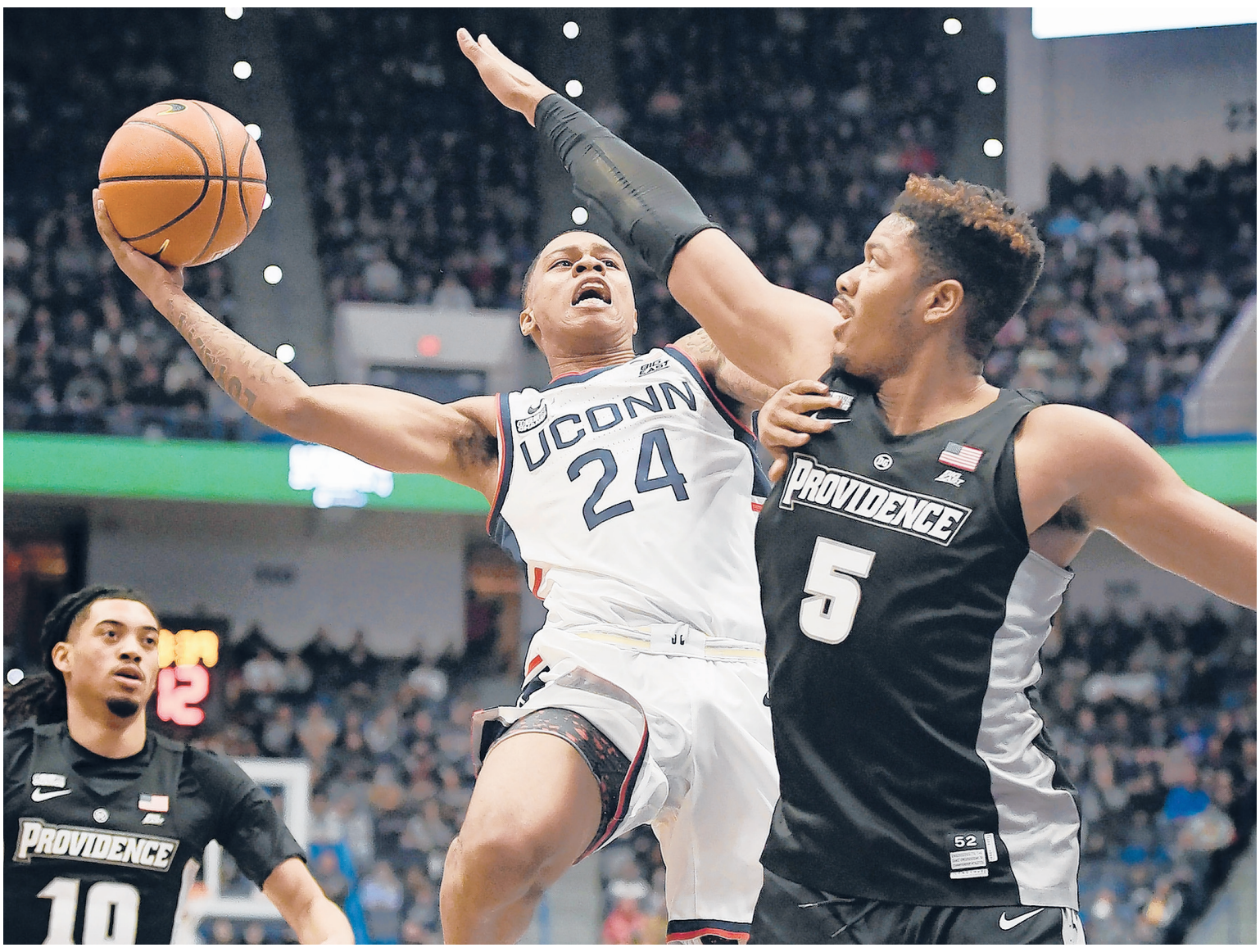
MEN'S BASKETBALL PROVIDENCE 57, UCONN 53



Connecticut's Jordan Hawkins (24) shoots as Providence's Ed Croswell (5) defends in the first half on Saturday. **JESSICA HILL/AP**

Huskies drop Big East opener

Sellout crowd watches another sluggish UConn offensive performance

By Shreyas Laddha
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — On a day with so many eyes watching, the No. 20 UConn men's basketball team melted under the pressure.

The Huskies lost 57-53 against Providence at the XL Center on Saturday in the Big East Conference opener for both teams in front of a sellout crowd. This was the first Big East game played in front of crowds at the XL Center since the Huskies rejoined the conference. UConn (9-3 and 0-1) is now 18-25 in Big East openers.

Senior guard Tyrese Martin was in the starting lineup after his four-game absence due to wrist injury as freshman Jordan Hawkins returned to the bench. Sophomore forward Adama Sanogo (abdominal strain) was a game-time decision, but ultimately missed his fourth straight game.

Martin was one of the lone bright spots finishing with 15 points and five rebounds. In his first game back, his presence was felt all over the court. In the second half as UConn tried to make a run, he hit multiple clutch buckets finishing 6-for-14 from the field.

"I felt good, my wrist was feeling great," Martin said.

A.J. Reeves led Providence in scoring with 16 points on 5-for-12 shooting.

In game where UConn couldn't get anything going offensively, the absence of Sanogo was clearly felt. UConn's leading scorer, R.J. Cole, continued his shooting woes and

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COMMENTARY

UConn will have to bring best every night in Big East

Dom Amore

HARTFORD — The season wasn't on the line Saturday, though there were moments when it felt like it. The Big East has that effect.

"A Big East game," Providence coach Ed Cooley said, "is a war every night."

Maybe we'd forgotten, after seven years in the American Athletic Conference and the COVID-ravaged season in 2020-21, how rugged this league is. UConn's return, though joyous, will be no joy ride. The Friars drove that message home with their 57-53 win before the sold-out crowd of 15,564 at the XL Center on Saturday.

There are worse days on the calendar for the UConn men's basketball team to lay an egg, such as any day in March, and that is what this performance was, despite the score. The Huskies found themselves 16 points down to the unfazed Friars with 10:41 to play, sucking all the energy from the building. Their late comeback made it exciting, but in the end they lost for the old, reliable reason, poor shooting percentage, in this case 31.1 percent.

"The crowd showed up tonight," said Tyrese Martin, who returned from his injury and grinded out 15 points, "but we let them down by getting ourselves in a big hole. When we finally cut it close enough, they showed up and we were appreciative of that."

Couldn't make a three, or a tough one around the the rim or even a free throw when it was needed.

There are going to be good and bad among the 20 Big

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METS

Showalter hired as new manager

By Mike Fitzpatrick
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Buck Showalter is back on the bench in New York.

Nearly 30 years since making his name in pinstripes, Showalter has been hired as manager of the Mets as he returns to the Big Apple to take over his fifth major league team.

The former New York Yankees skipper replaces Luis Rojas, let go in early October following two losing seasons. Mets owner Steve Cohen announced the move Saturday afternoon on Twitter.

Showalter has managed more than 3,000 big league games over 20 seasons, giving the Mets an experienced bench boss for the first time since Terry Collins' seven-year tenure ended after the 2017 campaign.

New York has been searching for solid leadership ever since — in the dugout and the front office.

Showalter certainly carries credibility, with a long history of turning around losing teams. No doubt that made him an attractive candidate to new Mets general manager Billy Eppler and the aggressive Cohen, who is spending freely on players and eager to win quickly since buying the bungling franchise in November 2020.

Houston bench coach Joe Espada and Tampa Bay bench coach Matt Quatraro were the other finalists for the job. Neither has any major league managing experience, and Showalter was thought to be the frontrunner all along.

Each of the three met separately with Cohen in person this past week during a second round of interviews.

New York also interviewed former Tigers and Angels manager Brad Ausmus as well as ex-Oakland manager and current Dodgers bench coach Bob Geren, who was the Mets' bench coach under Collins when they reached the 2015 World Series.

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SATURDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

Patriots tight end Jonnu Smith (81) runs from Colts defenders Dayo Odeyingbo (54) and Isaac Rochell (91) during first-half action on Saturday night in Indianapolis. The game was not over in time for this edition, check www.courant.com/sports for the result. **AJ MAST/AP**

Safety Tip of the Day

The running lights on many vehicles come on when the car is started. Remember, running lights do not provide the light or visibility of fully activated headlights and put you at risk for a collision.

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UP NEXT
Patriots: Bills, Dec. 26, 1 p.m.
Giants: Cowboys, Sunday, 1 p.m.
Jets: at Dolphins, Sunday, 1 p.m.
UConn MBB: at Marquette, Tuesday, 9 p.m.; at Xavier, Dec. 28, 7 p.m.; Butler (XL), Jan. 1, 4 p.m.
UConn WBB: Basketball HoF Women's Showcase: vs. Louisville (Mohegan Sun), Sunday, 3:30 p.m.; Marquette (XL), Dec. 29, 7 p.m.; at DePaul, Dec. 31, 2 p.m.
Celtics: 76ers, Monday, 7:30 p.m.; Cavaliers, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; at Bucks, Saturday, 2:30 p.m.
Knicks: Pistons, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.; Wizards, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Hawks, Saturday, noon
Nets: Nuggets, Sunday, 7:30 p.m.; Wizards, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.; at Trail Blazers, Thursday, 10 p.m.
UConn hockey: at Harvard, Jan. 2, 7 p.m.; at Boston Coll., Jan. 8, 4 p.m.; Boston Univ., Jan. 14, 7 p.m.
Bruins: Penguins, Dec. 27, 7 p.m.; at Senators, Dec. 29, 7:30 p.m.; Sabres, Jan. 1, 1 p.m.
Rangers: Canadiens, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Red Wings, Dec. 27, 7 p.m.; at Panthers, Dec. 29, 7 p.m.
Wolf Pack: Springfield, Sunday, 3 p.m.; Bridgeport, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; at Bridgeport, Dec. 29, 7 p.m.

TV/RADIO
BASKETBALL
12 p.m.: Womens College Duke at Miami. (Live) ACC
12 p.m.: Womens College Marquette at Seton Hall. (Live) FS1
1 p.m.: Womens College Michigan vs Baylor. (Live) ESPN
2 p.m.: Womens College Virginia Tech at Florida State. (Live) ACC
3 p.m.: Texas vs Stanford. (Live) ABC
3 p.m.: Teams TBA. (Live) ESPN2
3:30 p.m.: Women's College UConn vs Louisville. (Live) ESPN
4 p.m.: Womens College Virginia at NC State. (Live) ACC
5:30 p.m.: Womens College Arizona vs Texas. (Live) ESPN
6 p.m.: Womens College Wake Forest at Georgia Tech. (Live) ACC
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7:30 p.m.: Denver Nuggets at Brooklyn Nets. (Live), YES.
FOOTBALL
1 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) CBS FOX
4 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) CBS
4:25 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) FOX
8:20 p.m.: New Orleans Saints at Tampa Bay Buccaneers. (Live) NBC
GOLF
12 p.m.: PNC Championship, Final Day. (Live) GOLF
1 p.m.: PNC Championship, Day 2. (Live) NBC
HOCKEY
2 p.m.: Womens PWHPA Secret Dream Gap Tour: Teams TBA. (Live) NHL
3 p.m.: Springfield Thunderbirds at Hartford Wolf Pack. (Live), Radio: 1410.
OLYMPICS
4:30 p.m.: U.S. Olympic Trials Short Track Speed Skating. (Live) NBC
SOCCER
8 a.m.: Italian Serie B Alessandria vs Pa.m.: . (Live) FSP
9 a.m.: Premier League Wolverhampton Wanderers vs Chelsea. (Live) USA
12 p.m.: Italian Serie A Sampdoria vs Venezia. (Live) CBSSN
2:30 p.m.: Italian Serie B Lecce vs Vicenza Calcio. (Live) FSP
2:45 p.m.: Italian Serie A AC Milan vs Napoli. (Live) CBSSN
TENNIS
6 a.m.: Maia 2-ATP Challenger, Singles Final. (Live) TENNIS
2 p.m.: Rio de Janeiro-ATP Challenger, Singles Final. (Live) TENNIS

CELTICS

Little things add up as inconsistent efforts keep causing Boston to come up short

By Gary Washburn
Boston Globe

Boston Celtics head coach Ime Udoka reacts to a call during the first half of an NBA basketball game against the Golden State Warriors, Friday, Dec. 17, 2021, in Boston. **MARY SCHWALM /AP**

BOSTON — Two plays summarized the Celtics' last-minute loss against the Golden State Warriors Friday night at TD Garden and could summarize their season so far.

First was an inexcusable foul against all-time 3-point leader Stephen Curry in the final second of the first half. With Curry launching a 52-footer on a sideline inbounds pass, Marcus Smart and Robert Williams converged and Curry caused contact with Smart.

Foul on Smart. Technical on coach Ime Udoka for disputing the call. Four points for the Warriors to extend a 10-point lead to 14.

Second, the Celtics defended frantically midway through the fourth quarter trailing by 1, and the Warriors shuttled the ball to each other, with Andre Iguodala forced to launch a 27-footer to beat the shot clock. The ball rattles in.

The first was a bad mental mistake, the second was just bad luck. Those two have combined to doom the Celtics this season, where they are one game under .500 after more than a third into the season.

It was a brutal irony the Celtics lost by 4 points (111-107) to the Warriors, meaning the Curry play was essentially the game.

Although Celtics faithful may blame the officiating, what separates Boston and Golden State is little things. The Celtics missed eight free throws in the second half. They allowed Curry to rebound his own 3-point miss (and he doesn't miss often) and then swish his second chance (he wasn't going to miss a second time).

The Celtics fell behind by 20 in the first half because they were outworked by the Warriors. And they had their second-half rally foiled because they failed to close out on 3-point shooters or didn't grab defensive rebounds or wasted possessions with silly turnovers.

Boston was without Dennis Schröder (non COVID illness), Al Horford, Grant Williams, Jabari Parker and Juancho Hernangomez, who are in COVID-19 protocol.

But the reasons the Celtics are 14-15 aren't just about injuries or COVID-19 protocol, it's about a lack of focus, even when the moment desperately calls for it, such as Friday. They allowed Curry to score 20 first-half points, which is understandable. He's elite.

What isn't so acceptable is Andrew Wiggins's 24 first-half points. In a second-quarter sequence, when Wiggins was allowed to just step into a transition 3-pointer, Udoka growled at Jaylen Brown for his lackadaisical close out.

"Really, the hustle plays," Udoka said. "Obviously Wiggins got going a little bit and I didn't love the physicality on him, let him walk into a lot of threes, didn't pick him up with the same urgency we had with Curry to start. It was more so our defense."

It's the little things.

The Smart foul on Curry. A couple of hero-ball threes from Jayson Tatum. Nine second-half turnovers.

The Celtics aren't close to the Warriors right now. The difference is the Warriors play the same way every night, they play the right way, they aggressively defend, they move the ball crisply, they rely on Curry but also get support from the complementary players. They follow the same blueprint and it usually results in victories.

The Celtics are so wildly inconsistent, play so rag-tag at times that it has cost them several games, including Friday's. Their blueprint is how they played in the second half, holding the Warriors to 37.5 percent shooting, including 3 for 13 from Curry. Wiggins scored one bucket in the second half after 10 in the first half.

It was yet another case of, "Why the heck don't the Celtics play like this more often?" But consistency and efficiency are what separates good teams from the average ones.

"There's no moral victories," Smart said. "I think we've had our fair share of those. We lost. We definitely did it to ourselves. Offensive rebounding, giving them second-, third- and fourth-chance shots. They outhustled us and they outworked us and Ime talked about it, the basketball gods rewarded them for that. We can put ourselves in that situation.

"It comes to a point now where if you're not going to play hard, you go sit down. We can take losing but we can't take losing when it's our effort."

This team continuously gets punched in the mouth first and then is forced to respond with stirring comebacks. The Celtics weren't going to hold the Warriors down offensively the entire second half. Golden State is too good, but a better effort earlier, better quality play and more defensive intensity would have helped.

But the more deserving team won. The Warriors were more consistent, got more production from their bench and made timely baskets down the stretch.

The hope is the Celtics can finally take steps closer to the consistency they so desperately want to achieve. But for now, they have all the characteristics of an average team, one that's going to surprise sometimes and disappoint in others.

"That would be ideal," Tatum said when asked if the Celtics could be more consistent. "I think it's constantly changing due to the lineups that we have and who we have available. It's kind of hard to stay the same with different guys in and out. Kind of have a long stretch [with a healthy roster] where we see what can truly can be and who we are."

NETS

Durant placed in COVID-19 health and safety protocols

By Kristian Winfield
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Nets superstar Kevin Durant has entered the NBA's health and safety protocols, the team announced on Saturday. He has either tested positive for COVID-19 or received an inconclusive test result and must now either register two negative COVID tests in a 24-hour period or be sidelined 10 days to rejoin his team.

If Durant cannot register back-to-back negative COVID tests in the next week, he will be unavailable for the Nets' Christmas Day matchup against the Lakers in Los Angeles.

Just as the news of Durant being added to the COVID list began to circulate, came word that unvaccinated Kyrie Irving has also been placed in the health and safety protocols just a day after the Nets announced he was returning to the team to be a part-time (road games only) player.

Irving will be eligible to resume basketball activities on Dec. 23 if he posts five consecutive negative COVID-19 tests.

The Nets have been hit harder than most teams as the Omicron wave of the COVID-19 pandemic smacks the United States. Durant and Irving marked the eighth and ninth Nets to enter the health and safety protocols, joining teammates James Harden, LaMarcus Aldridge, Paul Millsap, DeAndre' Bembry, Bruce Brown, James Johnson and Jevon Carter.

The player shortage in Brooklyn is so dire, Patty Mills, who was supposed to rest Saturday's game against the Orlando Magic, was upgraded to available. Mills is now likely to play in both games of this weekend's back-to-back: The Nets play again on Sunday when they host the Denver Nuggets.

As for Irving, the Nets brass had originally rejected the idea of allowing the star guard, who is ineligible to play in home games given New York City's vaccine mandate, to play in only road games at the start of the season, but changed their minds Friday as the number of players in the health and safety protocols increases. Brooklyn's options for putting together a full team are limited.

The NBA granted the Nets several hardship exceptions to sign free agents to 10-day contracts in the wake of their roster status. So far the Nets have used thre and have signed point guard Langston Galloway, guard Shaquille Harrison and forward James Ennis.

None of those players will come close to replacing Durant's production. The Nets star has emerged as a frontrunner for the NBA's Most Valuable Player of the Year award and is averaging a league-leading 29.7 points on 52% shooting from the field. He has led the Nets to three straight wins since Harden last played in the team's Dec. 10 win against the Atlanta Hawks.

Durant scored 51 points on just 31 shots in the following game against the Detroit Pistons. He then led a Nets team with just eight available players to a win against the Toronto Raptors and followed with a nine-player win against the Philadelphia 76ers on Thursday.

Without Durant, the Nets project to start Mills, rookie David Duke Jr. (who started alongside Durant against the 76ers) and Blake Griffin. One of the final starting spots can go to either rookie Cam Thomas or Kessler Edwards. Rookie big man Day'Ron Sharpe could also be forced into the starting lineup with Nic Claxton listed as doubtful with a wrist injury.

Julius Randle may have to put Knicks on his shoulders

By Steve Popper
Newsday

New York Knicks' Julius Randle brings the ball up the court on Thursday. David J. **PHILLIP/AP**

NEW YORK — One by one the players have departed from the active roster, perhaps more painful because the placement in the NBA's health and safety protocols have come after the player has emerged with a stellar performance on the court.

It has left the Knicks shorthanded, but their star, Julius Randle, is still in place.

So you might think even before the COVID-19 crisis hit again in the NBA that the Knicks, struggling through a miserable start to the season, might have needed Randle to aggressively seek to reclaim his status and form from last season when he was named the NBA's Most Improved Player and earned second-team All-NBA honors. And you'd be fair to think that right now, with six players in protocols any hope the Knicks have rests on his shoulders.

You've seen it in Brooklyn as Kevin Durant has taken on the burden for the Nets. In the Nets last 10 games Durant has played in nine of them and averaged 41 minutes and 33.8 points per game.

Now, look at Randle. In the first game that the team lost a player to protocols he had eight points and seven turnovers against Milwaukee. He followed that with 31 points against Golden State, but 25 of them came in the second half after the Knicks had dug a hole for themselves. In the win at Houston Thursday he had 21 points and seemed an afterthought to Immanuel Quickley and Miles McBride. Quickley entered protocols the next morning.

"I just try to continue to make the right plays," Randle said earlier this week. "Like, I can start forcing it, but what would that say about my trust in my guys? So I just try to go out there and make the right plays. At least my intentions are to make the right plays. Just try to take what the game gives me."

But Randle knows that he's in a delicate spot, trying to balance being a floor leader while also trying to adhere to Knicks coach Tom Thibodeau's preaching of playing the right way and letting the game and defense dictate his decisions.

NHL

COVID shuts down Bruins through December 26

By Steve Conroy
Boston Herald

BOSTON — Christmas break has come early for the Bruins, but this is surely not how anyone would have liked the early pass to be granted.

With COVID cases surging on the Bruins and across the NHL, the league — in conjunction with the NHLPA and the teams' medical staffs — has postponed the B's game that had been scheduled for Sunday in Ottawa and Tuesdays' game that had been scheduled against Carolina at the Garden. With Thursday's scheduled game against Colorado at the Garden and Saturday's tilt in Montreal already postponed, that takes the B's into the regularly scheduled three-day holiday hiatus. Makeup dates have not yet been set.

As of now, the B's and Nashville Predators joined the Calgary Flames, Colorado Avalanche and Florida Panthers who are shut down through Dec. 26.

The Bruins have also shut down their Warrior Ice Arena practice facility until further notice.

The B's next game is scheduled for December 27 against the Pittsburgh Penguins at the Garden.

Additionally, the league postponed the Maple Leafs' weekend games against the Vancouver Canucks and Seattle Kraken as well as Sunday's Arizona Coyotes-Canucks games due to the growing number of cases within the Toronto and Vancouver organizations.

Throughout the last week a total of nine Bruin players and two staffers went into COVID protocol. First it was Craig Smith, then Brad Marchand, then Patrice Bergeron before Jeremy Swayman, Tent Frederic, Anton Blidh and Oskar Steen were placed in protocol. On Saturday after it was announced that Taylor Hall and Curtis Lazar were also placed in protocol.

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SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Brooklyn	21	8	.724	—
Philadelphia	15	15	.500	6½
Boston	14	15	.483	7
Toronto	13	15	.464	7½
New York	13	16	.448	8

SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Miami	18	12	.600	—
Charlotte	16	15	.516	2½
Washington	15	15	.500	3
Atlanta	14	15	.483	3½
Orlando	5	25	.167	13

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago	17	10	.630	—
Milwaukee	19	12	.613	—
Cleveland	18	12	.600	½
Indiana	13	18	.419	6
Detroit	4	24	.143	13½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Memphis	19	11	.633	—
Dallas	14	14	.500	4
San Antonio	11	17	.393	7
Houston	10	20	.333	9
New Orleans	10	21	.323	9½

NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Utah	20	8	.714	—
Denver	15	14	.517	5½
Minnesota	14	15	.483	6½
Portland	12	18	.400	9
Oklahoma City	8	19	.296	11½

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Golden State	24	5	.828	—
Phoenix	23	5	.821	½
L.A. Clippers	16	13	.552	8
L.A. Lakers	16	14	.533	8½
Sacramento	12	18	.400	12½

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Houston 116, Detroit 107
New York at Boston, late
Golden State at Toronto, late
Orlando at Brooklyn, late
L.A. Clippers at Oklahoma City, late
Cleveland at Milwaukee, late
Washington at Utah, late

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Miami at Detroit, 6p.m.
Portland at Memphis, 6p.m.
San Antonio at Sacramento, 6p.m.
New Orleans at Philadelphia, 7p.m.
Cleveland at Atlanta, 7:30p.m.
Denver at Brooklyn, 7:30p.m.
Charlotte at Phoenix, 8p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 8p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Chicago, 8p.m.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Miami 115, Orlando 105
Denver 133, Atlanta 115
Golden State 111, Boston 107
New Orleans 116, Milwaukee 112(OT)
San Antonio 128, Utah 126
Portland 125, Charlotte 116
Memphis 124, Sacramento 105
Minnesota 110, L.A. Lakers 92

ODDS

COLLEGE BASKETBALL — SUNDAY

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG
at Detroit Mercy	11½	Cent. Michigan
at UMass	6	Fairfield
at Arkansas St.	6	Air Force
at Rhode Island	6½	Charleston
at Bowling Gr.	11½	Robert Morris
at UIC	8	Northern Illinois
at Oklahoma	19½	UT Arlington
SMU	6	at New Mexico
Texas	9½	at Stanford
at Pacific	2½	UC Davis
at Mid Tenn.	3½	Coastal Carolina
at Drake	23½	Chicago State
at California	11½	Dartmouth
at Montana St.	11	Portland
at Richmond	12½	Old Dominion
at Santa Clara	10½	Montana
at UC Riverside	13½	Sacramento St.
Kansas State	1	at Nebraska

NBA — SUNDAY

FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
at Sacramento	off	(off)	San Antonio
at Memphis	4	(220)	Portland
Miami	6	(204)	at Detroit
at Philadelphia	5½	(210)	New Orleans
at Brooklyn	off	(off)	Denver
at Atlanta	5	(220)	Cleveland
at Phoenix	8	(226½)	Charlotte
at Chicago	off	(off)	LA Lakers
at Minnesota	3½	(214)	Dallas

COLLEGE FOOTBALL — SUNDAY

FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
Myrtle Beach Bowl			**Monday**
Tulsa	9	(53)	Old Dominion
Famous Idaho Potato Bowl			**Tuesday**
Wyoming	3	(59)	Kent St.
Frisco Bowl			
UTSA	2	(49)	San Diego St.
Armed Forces Bowl			**Wednesday**
Army	4	(57½)	Missouri
Frisco Football Classic			**Thursday**
Miami (Ohio)	3	(54½)	North Texas
Gasparilla Bowl			
Florida	6½	(56½)	UCF
Hawaii Bowl			**Friday**
Memphis	7½	(59)	Hawaii
Camellia Bowl			**Saturday**
Georgia St.	4½	(50½)	Ball State
Quick Lane Bowl			**Mon., Dec. 27**
W Michigan	6	(56)	Nevada
Military Bowl			
Boston College	3	(51½)	East Carolina
Birmingham Bowl			**Tue., Dec. 28**
Auburn	2½	(51½)	Houston
SERVPRO First Responder Bowl			
Louisville	1½	(55½)	Air Force
Liberty Bowl			
Mississippi St.	8½	(59½)	Texas Tech
Holiday Bowl			
NC State	1	(60)	UCLA
Guaranteed Rate Bowl			
Minnesota	4	(45)	West Virginia
Fenway Bowl			**Wed., Dec. 29**
Virginia	2	(71)	SMU
Pinstripe Bowl			
Maryland	1	(55)	Virginia Tech
Cheez-It Bowl			
Iowa St.	1½	(45½)	Clemson
Alamo Bowl			
Oklahoma	4½	(61½)	Oregon
Duke's Mayo Bowl			**Thur., Dec. 30**
North Carolina	9	(58½)	S. Carolina
Music City Bowl			
Tennessee	4½	(63)	Purdue
Peach Bowl			
Michigan St.	2½	(57)	Pittsburgh
Las Vegas Bowl			
Wisconsin	7	(42)	Arizona St.
Gator Bowl			**Friday, Dec. 31**
Texas A&M	4½	(58)	Wake Forest
Sun Bowl			
Miami	2½	(59)	Wash. St.
Arizona Bowl			
Boise State	8	(55½)	C. Michigan
CFP Semifinal Cotton Bowl Classic			
Alabama	13½	(58)	Cincinnati
CFP Semifinal Orange Bowl			
Georgia	8	(47)	Michigan
Outback Bowl			**Sat., Jan. 1**
Penn St.	2½	(47)	Arkansas
Fiesta Bowl			
Notre Dame	2	(45½)	Oklahoma St.
Citrus Bowl			
Kentucky	2½	(44)	Iowa
Rose Bowl			
Ohio St.	6½	(66)	Utah
Sugar Bowl			
Baylor	E	(55)	Mississippi
Texas Bowl			**Tuesday, Jan. 4**
Kansas St.	2½	(47)	LSU

NFL WEEK 15 — SUNDAY

FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
Dallas	11½	(44½)	at NY Giants
Arizona	12½	(47½)	at Detroit
at Pittsburgh	1	(43)	Tennessee
at Miami	off	(off)	NYJets
at Jacksonville	4½	(39½)	Houston
at Buffalo	off	(off)	Carolina
at Denver	3	(44)	Cincinnati
at San Francisco	9½	(46)	Atlanta
Green Bay	7	(43½)	at Baltimore
at Tampa Bay	11½	(45½)	New Orleans
			MONDAY
at Cleveland	2½	(40½)	Las Vegas
Minnesota	5½	(44½)	at Chicago
			TUESDAY
at LA Rams	6	(45½)	Seattle
at Philadelphia	6½	(41½)	Washington

NHL — SUNDAY

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	Line
Las Vegas	-144	at NY Islanders	+120
at Winnipeg	-130	St. Louis	+108
at Washington	-150	Los Angeles	+125
Pittsburgh	-160	at New Jersey	

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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	29	19	6	4	42	94	77
Toronto	30	20	8	2	42	98	76
Florida	29	18	7	4	40	104	87
Detroit	30	14	13	3	31	83	102
Boston	26	14	10	2	30	71	69
Buffalo	30	10	15	5	25	82	104
Ottawa	27	9	17	1	19	76	97
Montreal	31	7	21	3	17	67	109
METRO.	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**
Washington	30	18	5	7	43	106	78
N.Y. Rangers	30	19	7	4	42	86	77
Carolina	28	20	7	1	41	90	61
Pittsburgh	29	16	8	5	37	88	74
Columbus	28	14	13	1	29	91	95
Philadelphia	28	11	12	5	27	73	92
New Jersey	28	10	13	5	25	78	97
N.Y. Islanders	25	8	12	5	21	54	73

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Minnesota	29	19	8	2	40	108	85
Nashville	30	19	10	1	39	89	79
St. Louis	30	17	8	5	39	104	81
Colorado	27	17	8	2	36	115	91
Winnipeg	29	13	11	5	31	86	85
Dallas	27	13	12	2	28	71	78
Chicago	29	11	15	3	25	69	93
Arizona	29	6	21	2	14	56	109
PACIFIC	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**
Anaheim	32	17	9	6	40	103	89
Vegas	30	19	11	0	38	107	91
Calgary	28	15	7	6	36	87	62
Edmonton	28	17	11	0	34	96	87
Los Angeles	28	13	10	5	31	76	72
San Jose	30	15	14	1	31	78	85
Vancouver	31	14	15	2	30	81	90
Seattle	29	10	16	3	23	81	103

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Los Angeles at Carolina, late
Ottawa at Philadelphia, late
Toronto at Vancouver, late
Chicago at Dallas, late
New Jersey at Detroit, late
Edmonton at Seattle, late
Florida at Minnesota, ppd
Boston at Montreal, ppd
Tampa Bay at Colorado, ppd
Columbus at Calgary, ppd

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Vegas at N.Y. Islanders, 2p.m.
St. Louis at Winnipeg, 3p.m.
Los Angeles at Washington, 7p.m.
Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 7p.m.
Boston at Ottawa, ppd
Nashville at Carolina, ppd
Toronto at Seattle, ppd
Arizona at Vancouver, ppd

MONDAY'S GAMES
Columbus at Buffalo, 7p.m.
Montreal at N.Y. Islanders, 7p.m.
Minnesota at Dallas, 8:30p.m.
Anaheim at Edmonton, 9:30p.m.
Colorado at Detroit, ppd

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Pittsburgh 3, Buffalo 2(OT)
Vegas 3, N.Y. Rangers 2(SO)
Washington 5, Winnipeg 2
St. Louis 4, Dallas 1
Nashville 3, Chicago 2(OT)
Arizona 6, Anaheim 5(OT)

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
New England	9	4	0	.692	350	200
Buffalo	7	6	0	.538	363	229
Miami	6	7	0	.462	254	288
N.Y. Jets	3	10	0	.231	226	397
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**
Tennessee	9	4	0	.692	324	290
Indianapolis	7	6	0	.538	371	283
Houston	2	11	0	.154	177	356
Jacksonville	2	11	0	.154	180	340
NORTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**
Baltimore	8	5	0	.615	304	284
Cincinnati	7	6	0	.538	354	293
Cleveland	7	6	0	.538	278	289
Pittsburgh	6	6	1	.500	272	322
WEST	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**
Kansas City	10	4	0	.714	385	296
L.A. Chargers	8	6	0	.571	379	370
Denver	7	6	0	.538	275	228
Las Vegas	6	7	0	.462	283	360

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Dallas	9	4	0	.692	380	287
Philadelphia	6	7	0	.462	337	291
Washington	6	7	0	.462	266	324
N.Y. Giants	4	9	0	.308	232	310
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**
Tampa Bay	10	3	0	.769	410	297
Atlanta	6	7	0	.462	245	353
New Orleans	6	7	0	.462	304	285
Carolina	5	8	0	.385	257	282
NORTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**
Green Bay	10	3	0	.769	328	272
Minnesota	6	7	0	.462	344	333
Chicago	4	9	0	.308	231	332
Detroit	1	11	1	.115	213	354
WEST	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**
Arizona	10	3	0	.769	366	254
L.A. Rams	9	4	0	.692	366	293
San Francisco	7	6	0	.538	329	301
Seattle	5	8	0	.385	272	262

WEEK 15

SATURDAY'S RESULT
New England at Indianapolis, late

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Arizona at Detroit, 1p.m.
Carolina at Buffalo, 1p.m.
Dallas at N.Y. Giants, 1p.m.
Houston at Jacksonville, 1p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Miami, 1p.m.
Tennessee at Pittsburgh, 1p.m.
Atlanta at San Francisco, 4:05p.m.
Cincinnati at Denver, 4:05p.m.
Green Bay at Baltimore, 4:25p.m.
New Orleans at Tampa Bay, 8:20p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES
Las Vegas at Cleveland,5 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 8:20p.m.

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Seattle at L.A. Rams, 7p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 7p.m.

NFL TEAMS HIGHS & LOWS

POINTS

Most
54, New England vs. New York 10/24
48, Tampa Bay vs. Atlanta 9/19
48, Kansas City vs. Las Vegas 12/12
47, L.A. Chargers vs. Cleveland 10/10
45, Tampa Bay vs. Miami 10/10
45, Indianapolis vs. New York 11/5
45, New England vs. Cleveland 11/14
45, Buffalo at New York 11/14
45, Green Bay vs. Chicago 12/13

Fewest
0, Jacksonville at Tennessee 12/12
0, Houston vs. Indianapolis 12/5
0, Atlanta vs. New England 11/19
0, Seattle at Green Bay 11/14
0, Houston at Buffalo 10/3
0, N.Y. Jets at Denver 9/26
0, Miami vs. Buffalo 9/19

TOTAL YARDS

Most
571, Minnesota at Carolina 10/17
567, Dallas at New England 10/17
558, Tampa Bay vs. Miami 10/10
551, New England vs. New York 10/24
533, L.A. Chargers vs. Pittsburgh 1½2

GOLF

PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS PNC CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday at Ritz-Carlton Golf Course; Orlando, Fla.; 7,`06 yds; Par 72

Team Cink	30-29—59	-13
Team Daly	29-31—60	-12
Team Thomas	29-31—60	-12
Team Singh	32-29—61	-11
Team Faldo	32-30—62	-10
Team Player	31-31—62	-10
Team Lehman	30-32—62	-10
Team Kuchar	32-30—62	-10
Team Stenson	30-32—62	-10
Team Woods	32-30—62	-10
Team O'Meara	33-30—63	-9
Team B Watson	31-32—63	-9
Team Korda	31-32—63	-9
Team Trevino	34-30—64	-8
Team Beem	33-32—65	-7
Team Price	36-29—65	-7
Team T Watson	33-32—65	-7
Team Furyk	33-32—65	-7
Team Duval	33-32—65	-7
Team Harrington	34-33—67	-5

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

BOWL GAMES/RESULTS

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Boca Raton Bowl, Boca Raton, Fla.
W. Kentucky 59, Appalahican St. 38
Celebration Bowl, Atlanta
S. Carolina St. 31, Jackson St. 10
New Mexico Bowl, Albuquerque
Fresno St. 31, UTEP 24
Independence Bowl, Shreveport, La.
UAB 31, #12BYU 28
LendingTree Bowl, Mobile, Ala.
E. Michigan (7-5) vs. Liberty (7-5), late
LA Bowl, Inglewood, Calif.
Oregon St. (7-5) vs. Utah St. (10-3), late
New Orleans Bowl, New Orleans
#16 La-Laf. (12-2) vs. Marshall (7-5), late

MONDAY'S GAME
Myrtle Beach Bowl, Conway, S.C.
Old Dominion (6-6) vs. Tulsa (6-6), 2:30 p.m.

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Famous Idaho Potato, Boise, Idaho
Kent St (7-6) vs. Wyoming (6-6), 3:30 p.m.
Frisco Bowl, Frisco, Texas
#24 UTSA (12-1) vs. S. Diego St. (11-2), 7p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Armed Forces Bowl, Fort Worth, Texas
Missouri (6-6) vs. Army (8-3), 8p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Frisco Football Classic, Frisco, Texas
Miami (7-5) vs. N. Texas (6-6), 3:30p.m.
Gasparilla Bowl, Tampa, Fla.
UCF (8-4) vs. Florida (6-6), 7p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAME
Hawaii Bowl, Honolulu
Memphis (6-6) vs. Hawaii (6-7), 8p.m.

SATURDAY, DEC. 25
Camellia Bowl, Montgomery, Ala.
Ball State (6-6) vs. Ga. St. (7-5), 2:30 p.m.

MONDAY, DEC. 27
Quick Lane Bowl
Nevada (8-4) vs. W. Mich. (7-5), 11a.m.
Military Bowl, Annapolis, Md.
Bos Coll. (6-6) vs. E. Carolina (7-5), 2:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, DEC. 28
Birmingham Bowl, Birmingham, Ala.
#21 Houston (11-2) vs. Auburn (6-6), noon
SERVPRO First Responder Bowl, Dallas
Air Force (9-3) vs. Louisville (6-6), 3:15 p.m.
Liberty Bowl, emphis, Tenn.
Miss St. (7-5) vs. TX Tech (6-6), 6:45p.m.
Holiday Bowl, San Diego
UCLA (8-4) vs. NC State (9-3), 8p.m.
Guaranteed Rate Bowl, Phoenix
Minnesota (8-4) vs. W. Va (6-6), 10:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 29
Fenway Bowl, Boston
Virginia (6-6) vs. SMU (8-4), 11a.m.
Pinstripe Bowl, New York City
Va. Tech (6-6) vs. Maryland (6-6), 2:15 p.m.
Cheez-It Bowl, Orlando, Fla.
#19 Clemson (9-3) vs. Iowa St. (7-5), 5:45 p.m.
Alamo Bowl, San Antonio
#14 Okla. (10-2) vs. #15 Oregon (10-3), 9:15 a.m.

THURSDAY, DEC. 30
Duke's Mayo Bowl, Charlotte, N.C.
S. Carolina (6-6) vs. N. Carolina (6-6), 11:30 a.m.
Music City Bowl, Nashville
Purdue (8-4) vs. Tennessee (7-5), 3p.m.
Peach Bowl, Atlanta
#11 Mich St. (10-2) vs. #13 Pitt (11-2), 7 p.m.
Las Vegas Bowl, Las Vegas
Wisconsin (8-4) vs. Arizona St. (8-4), 10:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 31
College Football Playoff Semifinal (Orange Bowl), Miami Gardens, Fla.
#2 Michigan (12-1) vs.
#3 Georgia (12-1), 7:30 p.m.
College Football Playoff Semifinal (Cotton Bowl Classic), Arlington, Texas
#1Alabama (12-1) vs.
#4Cincinnati (13-0), 7:30p.m.
Gator Bowl, Jacksonville, Fla.
#20Wake Forest (10-3) vs. #23Texas A&M (8-4), 10a.m.
Sun Bowl, El Paso, Texas
Wash. St. (7-5) vs. Miami (7-5), noon
Arizona Bowl, Tucson, Ariz.
C. Mich. (8-4) vs. Boise St. (7-5), 4:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JAN. 1
Outback Bowl, Tampa, Fla.
#22 Arkansas (8-4) vs. Penn St. (7-5), noon
Citrus Bowl, Orlando, Fla.
#17 Iowa (10-3) vs. #25 Kentucky (9-3), 1 p.m.
Fiesta Bowl, Glendale, Ariz.
#5Notre Dame (11-1) vs.
#9Oklahoma St. (11-2), 1p.m.
Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Calif.
#7 Ohio St. (10-2) vs. #10 Utah (10-3), 5 p.m.
Sugar Bowl, New Orleans
#6 Baylor (11-2) vs. #8 Miss. (10-2), 8:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JAN. 4
Texas Bowl, Houston
LSU (6-6) vs. Kansas St. (7-5), 9p.m.

MONDAY, JAN. 8
CFP Championship Game, Indianapolis
Semifinal winners, 8p.m.

DECEMBER 17
Bahamas BowlNassau, Bahamas
Middle Tennessee 31, Toledo 24
Cure Bowl, Orlando, Fla.
Coastal Carolina 47, Northern Illinois 41

NCAA FCS PLAYOFFS
SEMIFINALS
Saturday: Montana State 31,
South Dakota State 17
Friday: North Dakota St. 20,
James Madison 14
CHAMPIONSHIP
Saturday, January 8
Montana State (12-2) vs.
North Dakota St. (13-1) , noon

NCAA DIVISION II PLAYOFFS
SATURDAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP
McKinney (Tex.) ISD Stadium
Ferris St. (13-0) vs. Valdosta St. (12-1), late

NCAA DIVISION III PLAYOFFS
FRIDAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP
Mary Hardin-Baylor 57,
North Central (Ill.) 24

SOCCER

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
Man City	17	13	2	2	40	9	41
Liverpool	17	12	4	1	48	13	40
Chelsea	17	11	4	2	39	12	37
Arsenal	18	10	2	6	27	23	32
West Ham	17	8	4	5	28	21	28
Man United	16	8	3	5	26	24	27
Tottenham	14	8	1	5	16	17	25
Wolverhampton	17	7	3	7	13	14	24
Leicester	16	6	4	6	27	27	22
Aston Villa	17	7	1	9	23	25	22
Crystal Palace	17	4	8	5	24	24	20
Brentford	16	5	5	6	21	22	20
Brighton	16	4	8	4	14	17	20
Everton	17	5	4	8	21	29	19
Southampton	17	3	8	6	16	26	17
Leeds	18	3	7	8	18	36	16
Watford	16	4	1	11	21	31	13
Burnley	15	1	8	6	14	21	11
Newcastle	17	1	7	9	18	37	10
Norwich	17	2	4	11	8	34	10

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Leeds 1, Arsenal 4
Man United vs. Brighton, ppd
Aston Villa vs. Burnley, ppd
Southampton vs. Brentford, ppd
Watford vs. Crystal Palace, ppd
West Ham vs. Norwich, ppd

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Newcastle vs. Man City, 9a.m.
Wolverhampton vs. Chelsea, 9a.m.
Tottenham vs. Liverpool, 11:30a.m.
Everton vs. Leicester, ppd

SUNDAY, DEC. 26
Liverpool vs. Leeds, 7:30a.m.
Wolverhampton vs. Watford, 7:30a.m.
Burnley vs. Everton, 10a.m.
Man City vs. Leicester, 10a.m.
Norwich vs. Arsenal, 10a.m.
Tottenham vs. Crystal Palace, 10a.m.
West Ham vs. Southampton, 10a.m.
Aston Villa vs. Chelsea, 12:30p.m.
Brighton vs. Brentford, 3p.m.

TENNIS

WTA OPEN BLS DE LIMOGES
Thursday at Palais des Sports de Beaublanc, Limoges, France; out.-hard
WOMEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS

#8Ana Bogdan d.
#5Varvara Gracheva, 7-5, 2-6, 6-3.
#2Alison van Uytvanck d.
#6Vera Zvonareva, 6-1, 6-4.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED
No. 1 Baylor (9-0) at Oregon. Next: vs. Alcorn St., Monday.
No. 2 Duke (10-1) beat Elon 87-56. Next: vs. Virginia Tech, Wednesday.
No. 3 Purdue (10-1) beat Butler 77-48. Next: vs. Incarnate Word, Monday.
No. 4 UCLA (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Cal Poly, Tuesday.
No. 5 Gonzaga (9-2) beat No. 25 Texas Tech 69-55. Next: vs. N. Arizona, Mon.
No. 6 Alabama (8-2) vs. Jacksonville St. Next: vs. No. 18 Tennessee, Dec. 29.
No. 7 Kansas (8-1) vs. Stephen F. Austin. Next: at Colorado, Tuesday.
No. 8 Arizona (11-0) beat Cal Baptist 84-60. Next: at No. 18 Tennessee, Wed.
No. 9 Villanova (7-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 22 Xavier, Tuesday.
No. 10 Southern Cal (12-0) beat Georgia Tech 67-53. Next: at Oklahoma St., Tuesday.
No. 11 Iowa St. (10-0) did not play. Next: vs. SE Louisiana, Sunday.
No. 12 Michigan St. (9-2) did not play. Next: at Oakland, Tuesday.
No. 13 Auburn (9-1) at Saint Louis. Next: vs. Murray St., Wednesday.
No. 14 Houston (9-2) at Oklahoma St. Next: vs. Texas St., Wednesday.
No. 15 Ohio St. (8-2) did not play. Next: vs. UT-Martin, Tuesday.
No. 16 Seton Hall (9-1) did not play. Next: at DePaul, Thursday.
No. 17 Texas (7-2) did not play. Next: vs. Stanford, Sunday.
No. 18 Tennessee (8-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 8 Arizona, Wednesday.
No. 19 LSU (10-0) vs. Louisiana Tech. Next: vs. Lipscomb, Wednesday.
No. 20 UConn (9-3) lost to Providence 57-53. Next: at Marquette, Tuesday.
No. 21 Kentucky (8-2) beat North Carolina 98-69. Next: vs. Louisville, Wedn.
No. 22 Xavier (11-1) beat Marquette 80-71. Next: at No. 9 Villanova, Tuesday.
No. 23 Colorado St. (10-0) did not play. Next: at New Mexico, Tuesday, Dec. 28.
No. 24 Arkansas (9-1) vs. Hofstra. Next: vs. Elon, Tuesday.
No. 25 Texas Tech (8-2) lost to No. 5 Gonzaga 69-55. Next: vs. E. Washington, Wednesday.

SATURDAY'S SCORES

EAST
Bloomfield 73, Molloy 62
Bucknell 82, La Salle 70
CCSU 75, Hartford 65
Drew 63, Rutgers-Newark 56
Indiana (Pa.) 65, Shepherd 46
Mount St. Mary's 74, Morgan St. 60
N. Iowa 75, Marshall 60
NC Central 86, Delaware St. 53
Niagara 66, Albany (NY) 58
Pitt.-Greensburg 104, Pitt.-Bradford 95
Pittsburgh 59, St. John's 57
TCU 80, Georgetown 73
West Chester 92, California (Pa.) 90

SOUTH
Belmont 115, Bethel (Ind.) 86
Catawba 101, Virginia-Wise 78
Davidson 74, Radford 54
Duke 87, Elon 56
Florida 66, South Florida 55
George Mason 80, Georgia 67
Georgia Southern 85, Covenant 51
Hampden-Sydney 84, Mary Wash. 71
Howard 79, NC A&T 57
Jacksonville 87, Webber Int'l 48
La-Monroe 74, Southern Miss. 65
Morehead St. 87, Alice Lloyd 47
Morehouse 69, Lane 52
Nicholls 104, MVSU 73
North Alabama 106, SE Baptist 40
North Florida 92, Trinity Baptist 44
SC State 90, Tennessee St. 88, OT
SC-Upstate 78, Converse Valkyries 38
Southern Cal 67, Georgia Tech 53
UNC-Asheville 79, ETSU 64
UNC-Wilmington 71, High Point 69, OT
Vanderbilt 77, Austin Peay 51
Virginia 82, Fairleigh Dickinson 49
W. Kentucky 82, Louisville 72

MIDWEST
Bellarmine 77, Miami (Ohio) 68
Bradley 77, Saint Joseph's 73
Dixie St. 78, North Dakota 69
Heidelberg 96, Muskingum 76
Illinois 106, St. Francis (Pa.) 48
Illinois St. 85, Ball St. 64
Indiana 64, Notre Dame 56
Indiana St. 67, Alabama A&M 43
Michigan 87, Southern Utah 50
Missouri 83, Utah 75
Nebraska Wesleyan 100, Principia 64
North Texas 62, Wichita St. 52
Purdue 77, Butler 48
W. Illinois 71, E. Illinois 54
Wright St. 72, Tennessee Tech 63
Xavier 80, Marquette 71
Youngstown St. 83, Westminster (Pa.) 54

SOUTHWEST
Gonzaga 69, Texas Tech 55

WEST
Colorado 60, CS Bakersfield 46
Idaho 84, SAGU American Indian 55
Washington St. 82, N. Colorado 56

WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED
No. 1 South Carolina (11-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 3 Stanford, Tuesday.
No. 2 NC State (10-2) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia, Sunday.
No. 3 Stanford (7-2) at No. 7 Tennessee. Next: at No. 1 South Carolina, Tuesday.
No. 4 Arizona (10-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 11 Texas, Sunday.
No. 5 Baylor (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 13 Michigan, Sunday.
No. 6 Louisville (9-1) did not play. Next: at No. 7 UConn, Sunday.
No. 7 Tennessee (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 3 Stanford, Saturday.
No. 7 UConn (6-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 6 Louisville, Sunday.
No. 9 Maryland (9-3) did not play. Next: at Coppin St., Tuesday.
No. 10 Indiana (8-2) did not play. Next: vs. W. Michigan, Sunday.
No. 11 Texas (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 4 Arizona, Sunday.
No. 12 Iowa St. (10-1) did not play. Next: vs. Prairie View, Sunday.
No. 13 Michigan (10-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 5 Baylor, Sunday.
No. 14 Iowa (5-2) vs. UCF, Saturday. Next: vs. IUPUI, Tuesday.
No. 15 Duke (8-1) did not play. Next: at Charleston Southern, Tuesday.
No. 16 South Florida (8-3) did not play. Next: at West Virginia, Monday.
No. 17 Georgia (9-1) did not play. Next: at St. Francis (Pa), Sunday.
No. 18 Georgia Tech (8-2) did not play. Next: vs. Wake Forest, Sunday.
No. 19 Kentucky (6-3) did not play. Next: vs. SC-Upstate, Sunday.
No. 20 BYU (9-1) beat Washington St. 71-53. Next: at Montana St., Tuesday.
No. 21 Notre Dame (9-2) did not play. Next: vs. Pittsburgh, Sunday.
No. 22 LSU (9-1) beat Bradley 77-51. Next: vs. Clemson, Monday.
No. 23 Texas A&M (9-2) did not play. Next: vs. UTSA, Monday.
No. 24 Ohio St. (8-2) did not play. Next: at San Diego St., Tuesday.
No. 25 North Carolina (9-0) did not play. Next: at Boston College, Sunday.

SATURDAY'S SCORES

EAST
Bucknell 77, George Mason 67
Fairfield 57, Marist 52
La Salle 72, Sacred Heart 44
Lehigh 82, Delaware St. 39
Merrimack 63, Colgate 49
Monmouth (NJ) 64, Iona 55
Mount St. Mary's 82, Md.-Eastern Shore 65
Penn St. 68, Duquesne 60
Rutgers 73, Wagner 54
Sciences (Pa.) 77, Texas Southern 45
St. Francis (NY) 85, Caldwell 37
Syracuse 82, UMBC 50

SOUTH
Alabama St. 80, Rams 44
Auburn 82, Grambling St. 58
Austin Peay 73, Gardner-Webb 62
Coastal Carolina 76, Florida A&M 72
Davidson 56, UNC-Greensboro 52
E. Kentucky 56, Lady Bears 49
LSU 77, Bradley 51
McNeese St. 81, Louisiana-Monroe 54
Old Dominion 85, Appalachian St. 49
SC-Upstate 66, Morehead St. 52
Tarleton St. 51, Northwestern St. 47
Troy 73, Mississippi St. 66
Tulsa 67, Georgia St. 55

MIDWEST
Cleveland St. 104, Ohio Christian 51
Missouri St. 72, Southern U. 43
Saint Louis 75, Ill. Chicago 47

SOUTHWEST
Arkansas 82, Cent. Arkansas 44

WEST
Air Force 63, Dixie St. 48
Arizona St. 79, San Diego 60
BYU 71, Washington St. 53
Cal Baptist 58, Santa Clara 54

Tiger Woods plays a shot during the first round of the PNC Championship on Saturday at the Ritz Carlton Golf Club Grande Lakes in Orlando, Florida. **SAM GREENWOOD/GETTY**

GOLF PNC CHAMPIONSHIP

Woods makes his comeback

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Except for riding in a cart instead of walking, Tiger Woods at times looked just like he did a year ago in the PNC Championship on Saturday. Just not very often.

"Two good shots — three — came off exactly how I wanted," Woods said.

The fact he could play alongside 12-year-old son Charlie was enough of a success considering the injuries to his right leg from a car crash 10 months ago in Los Angeles. Woods has said doctors discussed amputation. For three months, he said he was immobilized in a makeshift hospital bed at his home in Florida. He and Charlie combined for a 62 in the scramble format, tied for fifth, three shots behind Stewart and Reagan Cink.

What he got out of this remarkable return had more to do with camaraderie than competition.

"We had so much fun out there," Woods.

One of those shots that stood out to Woods was on the par-5 third hole, where he hit 4-iron from 220 yards that drew slight back toward the flag and settled 8 feet behind the hole. That was shot he saw in his head and then in the air.

"That was just ridiculous," Justin Thomas said. "I looked at him and as soon as he sat in the cart, he just kind of looked at me and smiled. And I knew exactly that's the kind of shots that he hits when he's healthy."

Woods is healthy enough to play the PNC Championship, a popular year-end event for major champions and a family member. He's not healthy enough to be a regular golfer.

"I don't have endurance. I haven't played," said Woods, whose last competition was the PNC Championship a year ago when he and his son finished seventh in a 20-team field.

"It's tiring out there, so it was a slow day. But that's something that I'm going to have to — if I want to compete out here at the tour level — I'm going to have to get the endurance back and hit thousands upon thousands of golf balls. Just takes time."

Woods also mentioned the fairway metal he hit onto the green at the par-5 14th, and a 7-iron he smoked into the par-3 17th, unsure he could get there.

"It was one of my old shots," Woods said.

Thomas would have picked another shot. He was determined Woods, who turns 46 at the end of the month and still walks gingerly from broken bones in his right leg and ankle, not hit a drive past him. That changed on 11.

"I hit it pretty good and as soon as his ball took that big bounce we looked at each other and I was like, 'If it's going to happen, it's going to be this one because I think it just launched.' And yeah, that was a shot to the ego," Thomas said with a grin.

Woods showed the effects of his injuries in the way he walked, labored at times. The toughest walk belonged to Mike Thomas, the 62-year-old club professional with a bulging disk in his back that had been grimacing often.

"Definitely calling it a success both my dad and Tiger made it 18 holes," Justin Thomas said.

For Woods, this was fun golf, not the real thing. For now, it was good enough.

"In terms of hitting shots, he's not that far away," Thomas said. "But in terms of being able to compete and walk 72 holes multiple weeks in a row, yeah, that's a different story and he's the only one who can answer that."

IN BRIEF

Bruins and Predators shut down by NHL

News services

The NHL on Saturday shut down the Bruins and Predators through Christmas, bringing to five the number of teams in COVID-19 limbo. Weekend games for the Canucks and Maple Leafs also were postponed as the league tries to control a spiraling outbreak.

The NHL and its players association agreed to daily testing and other enhanced protocols to slow the spread of the coronavirus. They will take effect immediately and last at least through Jan. 1, with an evaluation no later than Jan. 7.

"Given the increased number of positive cases in our league within the last two weeks, and changing societal realities with the new omicron COVID-19 variant, the NHLPA and NHL have collectively agreed that all Clubs shall be required to follow enhanced preventative and detection measures," the league said in a statement.

The Bruins and Predators join the Flames, Avalanche and Panthers, which already had been shut down through next week because of outbreaks.

NBA: Kyrie Irving's return to the Nets is starting with a trip to the NBA's health and safety protocols — and Kevin Durant is joining him. The Nets' outbreak worsened Saturday when they announced both stars were in protocols, giving them a league-high nine players on the injury report for that reason. ... Lakers forward Anthony Davis will be out for at least four weeks after spraining a ligament in his left knee. The Lakers announced the latest major setback Saturday for Davis, the eight-time All-Star with a lengthy injury history.

NFL: Only unvaccinated players and those experiencing possible symptoms of COVID-19 will be tested, starting Sunday, under the NFL's revised protocols. Also, higher risk players have until 2 p.m. Monday to send written notice if they choose to opt out, according to a memo sent to clubs on Saturday. The players will not be paid and the notice is irrevocable.

MEN'S BASKETBALL
Tuesday: at Marquette, 9 p.m., FS1

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Dec. 29: vs. Marquette (at XL Center), 7 p.m., SNY

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Connecticut's R.J. Cole stumbles while dribbling the ball as Providence's Alyn Breed, left, defends in the second half of their game Saturday in Hartford. **JESSICA HILL/AP**

Men

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finished with 16 points on just 5-for-19 shooting. In the last four games, Cole hasn't shot better than 35.2% from the field. The game plan for opposing teams has been simple, force somebody besides Cole to beat them.

UConn coach Dan Hurley felt Cole was trying to do a little to much a times.

"I think R.J. may have pressed a little bit much," Hurley said. "In terms of shot selection, he maybe could have facilitated a little more, but he had eight assists and one turnover."

The amount of offensive possessions that ended with a tough Cole shot because UConn players were hesitant to shoot were many. UConn sharpshooters Tyler Polley and Hawkins combined for 1-for-10 from three. UConn shot just 19-for-61 (31.1%) from the field causing Hurley to conclude the offensive execution was lacking.

"I thought we got good looks, but we just didn't finish well enough," he said.

This Huskies team has built an identity on strong defensive play, but in pivotal moments Saturday the defense faltered.

"I thought we were soft guarding the ball, "Hurley said. "We got sealed [off] a couple of times where they turned the corner and scored at the rim. Our guards were just super slow towards the ball."

From the opening tip the game was a perfect showcase of Big East basketball, featuring tough, hard-nosed defense with high energy on both sides and, of course, some ugly offense. In the first 11:06 both teams combined for just 16 points on 6-for-27 (22.2%) shooting. From Martin's layup at 15:20 to his layup at 06:12, it was 9:08 between UConn field goals. UConn shot just 8-for-29 (27.6%) in the half.

UConn's defense started strong but faltered in the latter part of the first half. Every time the Huskies seemed to gain momentum, the Friars would answer with a run. At the 3:09 mark with the Huskies up 21-20, Reeves got hot and hit two straight 3s to put the Friars up 26-21. With those buckets, Providence went on a 11-1 run to close the half and led 31-22 at the break. Reeves finished the first half with 12 points on 4-for-6 shooting. He came into the game averaging 10.7 points per game.

In the second half, UConn continued its ice-cold offensive play. Providence started off with a 6-0 run which led to an irate Hurley calling a timeout at the 17:52 mark with Providence up 37-22. At the 17:40 mark, UConn finally broke its scoring drought with an Isaiah Whaley layup. But every time UConn seemed to gain a little momentum, Providence would answer.

At the 9:12 mark, Cole ignited the crowd after hitting a tough and-1 layup that cut Providence lead to 47-38. On the next UConn offensive possession, Andre Jackson hit a 3 that cut the lead to six, leading to the loudest roar by the crowd all game. The Friars answered right back with a three of their own by Jared Bynum to put them up 50-41.

UConn came within two points after Polley hit a three at the 1:48 mark to make it just a 55-53 lead for Providence. That was the closest UConn would get as pivotal mistakes prevented a comeback.

For the Huskies, this was a wakeup call as the games continue to get tougher. The next 19 opponents are all Big East teams. Still, Hurley doesn't want his team to dwell on this game.

"We are going to watch it and be sick to our stomach, but we are going to quickly regroup," he said. "We have 19 more of these (games) and understand that we are as good as anybody in the league, we have to go get the next one."

UConn heads on the road to face another Big East foe in Marquette on Tuesday.

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PROVIDENCE 57, UCONN 53
Providence; M; FG; FT; RB; A; PF; PT
Reeves; 38; 5-12; 2-2; 3; 1; 1; 16
Watson; 30; 5-12; 0-1; 7; 2; 4; 10
Durham; 28; 3-8; 1-3; 4; 4; 3; 7
Horchler; 30; 1-7; 0-3; 5; 0; 1; 2
Minaya; 23; 0-4; 2-2; 5; 1; 1; 2
Croswell; 15; 5-6; 1-3; 4; 0; 1; 11
Bynum; 26; 4-9; 0-0; 6; 1; 0; 9
Breed; 10; 0-0; 0-0; 1; 1; 2; 0
TOTALS — 23-58; 6-14; 40; 10; 13; 57
Three-point goals: 5-15, 33.3(Reeves 4-8, Bynum 1-3, Durham 0-1, Minaya 0-1, Horchler 0-2). FG pct.: 39.7. FT pct.: 42.9. Team rebounds: 5. Turnovers: 7 (Durham 2, Watson, Horchler, Croswell, Breed, Team). Blocks: 1(Watson). Steals: 6(Bynum 2, Reeves, Watson, Durham, Horchler).
UConn; M; FG; FT; RB; A; PF; PT
Cole; 35; 5-19; 3-5; 5; 8; 2; 16
Martin; 33; 6-14; 2-4; 5; 1; 2; 15
Whaley; 36; 4-7; 1-2; 7; 0; 3; 10
Jackson; 31; 3-7; 0-0; 14; 1; 4; 8
Akok; 15; 0-1; 0-0; 3; 0; 1; 0
Polley; 24; 1-7; 0-0; 2; 1; 1; 3
Hawkins; 12; 0-3; 1-2; 2; 0; 0; 1
Gaffney; 14; 0-3; 0-0; 1; 2; 1; 0
TOTALS — 19-61; 7-13; 43; 13; 14; 53
Three-point goals: 8-29, 27.6(Cole 3-9, Jackson 2-2, Whaley 1-2, Martin 1-5, Polley 1-7, Akok 0-1, Hawkins 0-3). FG pct.: 31.1. FT pct.: 53.8. Team rebounds: 4. Turnovers: 9(Gaffney 3, Martin 2, Cole, Whaley, Jackson, Team). Blocks: 6(Whaley 2, Akok 2, Martin, Jackson). Steals: 1(Cole).
Providence; 31; 26; —; 57
UConn; 22; 31; —; 53
Officials: Rutecki, Simpson, Driscoll.
Att.: 15,564at XL Center, Hartford.

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East games, but for the Huskies, this was a bad day to have a bad day. It was their first home game, with full capacity, since rejoining their old rivals in the new Big East. They sold out the big arena only a handful of times after the original conference split in 2013, but everything came together to make this a special Saturday, a must-see.

The administration delivered what the fans wanted: A schedule filled with the likes of Providence.

The program, under Dan Hurley, pulled itself back up to make the NCAA Tournament in 2021 and crack the rankings.

And the fans held up their end, filling the place. There were former and future Huskies in the crowd, and Jim Calhoun, introduced to a long standing ovation.

"What a crowd here ... wow," Cooley said. "It was actually exciting to coach in a game like this, to see so many people cheering against you. It gives you a little energy."

In a year with so many players back for fifth years, everybody's experienced, everybody's deep. In this opener, with so much anticipation, Providence's experience and depth mattered. The Friars nailed the big shots, UConn didn't. The Friars bench produced 20 points; UConn, looking desperately for someone to pick up the scoring and create the spacing that's missing with Adama Sanogo out, got four points from its reserves.

"We're obviously better whwen he plays," Hurley said, "but we still had enough to win the game if we guard the ball a little better. You can't let that game get to 16. These weren't two prolific offensive teams, the game never should have got to 16."

It got to 16 early in the second half. After UConn rallied to briefly take the lead, Providence, effectively switching on defense, ended the first half with an 11-1 run. The Friars then scored the first six points of the second half, three buckets from big man Nate Watson, and the crowd understandably fell silent.

Here comes the better news. UConn, though sputtering, clawed back into the game and the crowd nearly got what it came for. Two threes by Andre Jackson had the Huskies within six, and a couple of free throws by Martin made it 55-50 with 2:11 to go. With the ball back, the UConn turned it over. With 1:48 left, Tyler Polley hit a three — his only make on seven shots — and UConn was down two. After a stop, R.J. Cole and Martin missed shots that could have tied the game, or put UConn ahead.

And the crowd groaned as Providence (11-1), a heck of a lot better than its No.7 preseason conference rank, closed out the game.

The Huskies (9-3) have showed in this still very young season that they have the grit and heart to win big games against good teams. They showed in the Bahamas against Auburn and VCU, showed it in Newark against St. Bonaventure. They can't do it every game in the Big East, the top-to-bottom quality of opponents is too tough, the schedule too unforgiving. With little turnaround, they play at Marquette Tuesday.

Cooley doesn't expect this loss, which will probably knock the Huskies out of the top 25, to define UConn's season, nor does Hurley.

"We're going to watch it," Hurley said. "We're going to be sick to our stomach, and then we're going to quickly reboot and understand that we've got 19 more of these and we're as good as anybody in the league."

There will be ample time and opportunities for UConn to do all it intends to do, and in time this game will assume its proper place in the scheme of the season.

But there is to be only be one first Big East game in Hartford, and it would have been awfully nice to see the 'A' game everyone came to see.

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Women

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"That's going to be one of the big things that they're going to try and throw at us, is just pressure and so just kind of matching that with toughness," Nelson-Ododa said. "We have the ability to execute our stuff and kind of slow down, really just take our time with what we need to do."

Against ranked teams this season, Louisville fell to Arizona (59-61, OT) in its season opener, but beat Michigan 70-48 and Kentucky 64-58.

Here's what else you need to know about the matchup.

Site: Mohegan Sun Arena
Time: 3:30 p.m.
Series: UConn leads, 17-2
Last meeting: No. 2 UConn 80, No. 5 Louisville 73, March 31, 2019, in Albany, N.Y. (2019 Elite Eight)
TV: ESPN (Eric Frede, Rebecca Lobo, Andraya Carter)
Radio: UConn IMG Sports Network on 97.9 ESPN (Bob Joyce, Debbie Fiske)

Louisville probable starters, sixth man

Kianna Smith, G, 6-0, R-Sr.; Hailey Van Lith, G, 5-7, So.; Emily Engstler, F, 6-1, Sr.; Chelsie Hall, G, 5-7, Gr.; Olivia Cochran, F, 6-3, So.; Liz Dixon, F, 6-5, Sr.

UConn probable starters, sixth man

Christyn Williams, G, 5-11, Sr.; Olivia Nelson-Ododa, F, 6-5, Sr.; Evina Westbrook, G, 6-0, R-Sr.; Dorka Juhász, F, 6-5, Gr.; Caroline Ducharme, G, 6-2, Fr.; Aaliyah Edwards, F, 6-3, So.

The matchup

UConn's offense: Five players reached double-figures against UCLA, the sort of balance the team ideally need, especially with Bueckers out. Westbrook was aggressive from the get-go in hunting to score, while Juhász had season-highs in scoring and rebounding and Ducharme tied a career-high 14 points.

UConn's defense: Coach Geno Auriemma has been pleased with how the Huskies have grown on this end of the floor since their season opener. UCLA jbarely surpassed the 60-point threshold, but other than that only South Carolina (73) and Arkansas (80) managed more.

Louisville's offense: The Cards average 70.3 points on 45.9% shooting. They don't shoot a ton of 3s, but when they do, they're hitting 35.4% with Smith making 47.8%. Their three double-figure scorers are Smith (12.3 points per game), Van Lith (10.8) and Engstler (10.0).

Louisville's defense: Th 46.7 points allowed per game ranks third in the nation per Her Hoops Stats, and they're allowing opponents to shoot just 32.9% (24.4% from the arc). Their rebounding is also strong, as they come away with 58.1% of misses, including 77.5% on the defensive end. Their pressure defense creates 10.3 steals per game and forces 20.8 turnovers on average. Engstler is a crucial cog, as she averages 9.1 rebounds, 2.6 steals and 1.8 blocks per game, all team-highs.

UConn keys: Approach Louisville's pressure with patience, execute on offense and take care of the ball, crash the glass

"They have a lot of depth, they have a lot of guards, so they're taking advantage of that," Auriemma said. "They're causing a lot of turnovers and they're making the game chaotic, and you've got to be able to handle the chaos. I'm sure there'll be times when we do and I'm sure there'll be times when we don't."

Players to watch: Williams, Westbrook and Ducharme are going to have to have really good games, specifically in how they handle Louisville's pressure. The Huskies could also use an effective afternoon from Williams, who has been going through an offensive rut these last few weeks.

About Louisville's coach: In his 15th season at the helm, Jeff Walz has led the Cardinals to 10 trips to the Sweet 16, six to the Elite Eight, three to the Final Four and two to the national title game (both times, UConn beat them). His overall record is 394—109.

Louisville's mascot: Cardinal Bird or Louie

Famous alumni: NFL player Lamar Jackson, WNBA player Angel McCoughtry, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Burton's buzzer-beater lifts Pitt over St. John's

Associated Press

Jamarius Burton's runner with 0.4 seconds left lifted visiting Pittsburgh over St. John's 59-57 in the showcase game of the Gotham Classic Saturday in New York.

After St. John's (8-3) had tied the game on two Dylan Addae-Wusu free throws, Burton took the inbounds pass and stormed down the court before lifting the game-winning shot from the left side.

"I came down with pace and I saw the ball screen," Burton said. "I just found a spot. I looked at the shot clock and I found a spot that I liked. And I just raised and elevated."

Burton led all scorers with 20 points. Mouhamadou Gueye added 15 for Pitt (4-7).

"This was a big time win for us," Pitt coach Jeff Capel said. "We're really proud of our guys for fighting."

Despite having three players finish in double-figure scoring, St. John's had its three-game winning streak snapped. Addae-Wusu led the Red Storm with 12. Posh Alexander added 11, and Joel Soriano had 10 points.

St. John's played without that star swingman Julian Champagnie, who was out after testing positive for COVID-19.

"It's a tough, tough game for us," St. John's coach Mike Anderson said. "It comes down to making plays at the end."

What transpired on the Madison Square Garden court in the matinee was an ode to Big East Conference basketball. Which was fitting since St. John's was among the conference's founding members and Pitt was a member from the 1992-93 season through 2012-13.

Purdue guard Sasha Stefanovic celebrates during the second half of a game against Butler on Saturday in Indianapolis. AJ MAST/AP

Xavier 80, Marquette 71: At Cincinnati, Dwon Odom scored a career-high 19 points and Nate Johnson added 17 to lift No. 22 Xavier in a Big East Conference opener.

Jack Nunge had 13 points and 11 rebounds off the bench for Xavier (11-1, 1-0 Big East), which has won seven straight. Colby Jones added 11 points for the Musketeers.

Marquette (8-4, 0-1 Big East) was led by Greg Elliott's 18 points and Justin Lewis' 15.

Marquette's full-court pressure was expected to be an issue for Xavier, which had averaged nearly 15 turnovers through 11 games. But the Musketeers finished with only eight turnovers, six in the first half.

After going 8 for 33 from 3-point range in a loss to UCLA, the Golden Eagles went 4 of 7 from behind the arc to start Saturday's game.

Purdue 77, Butler 48: At Indianapolis, Zach Edey came off the bench for the first time this season, posted a double-double in the first half, and his presence helped lead the Boilermakers in the Crossroads Classic.

Jaden Ivey made all six 3-point attempts and finishing with 22 points. Edey wound up with 14 points, 11 rebounds and two blocks while Trevion Williams, a preseason All-American, had 10 points and six rebounds in his first start this season, replacing Edey.

The lineup change came after the Boilermakers (10-1) endured a rough week — losing to Rutgers in its first game after climbing to No. 1 before needing overtime to beat North Carolina State. Then came a weeklong break for finals.

TCU 80, Georgetown 73: At Washington, Mike Miles scored 14 of his 20 points in the second half and TCU used a late run to defeat the Hoyas. Miles had a 3-pointer and a layup in a 14-3 run that gave the Horned Frogs a 73-64 lead with 4:14 to play.

That proved to be just enough as TCU was 1 of 4 with three turnovers from there. Michah Peavy made two free throws with 16.7 seconds left after a Donald Carey 3-pointer brought the Hoyas within 76-73. Miles completed the scoring with two more foul shots at 6.4 seconds.

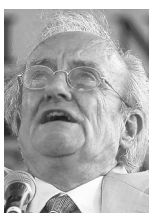
Charles O'Bannon added 15 points for TCU (9-1), which won its sixth straight.

TCU gave the Big 12 a 5-5 tie in the third Big East/Big 12 Battle.

Aminu Mohammed scored 21 points and grabbed 11 rebounds for the Hoyas (6-5), who were without point guard Dante Harris because of a sprained ankle. Kaiden Rice added 14 points and Carey 12.

Let me tell you a story about Roland Hemond, who was a great friend and one of baseball's best

By Bill Madden
Baseball Columnist



Hemond

NEW YORK — Baseball lost one of its finest and most beloved citizens last Sunday with the passing of Roland Hemond, the longtime and prolific general manager of the White Sox and Orioles who was the 2011 recipient of the Hall of Fame's Buck O'Neil Lifetime Achievement Award, the architect of the Arizona Fall League, and a true champion to the scouts with his establishment of a foundation to provide assistance to those of them in need.

A three-time major league Executive of the Year, Hemond, who was 92, may not have been as widely known in New York but he was nevertheless directly responsible for two of the most consequential player transactions in New York baseball history. On April 5, 1977 Hemond provided the Yankees with the one missing link for their 1977-78 World Championship clubs when he traded the White Sox's All-Star shortstop Bucky Dent to them. And he was still the White Sox GM in January 1984, preparing to make the first pick in something called the free agent compensation draft when, much to his astonishment, he found Tom Seaver on the Mets' unprotected list.

In other words, the same man who made the Yankees fans' day by delivering to them one of their most popular players ever, seven years later broke Mets fans' hearts.

Full discloser here: Roland Hemond was one of the best friends I've ever had in all my years covering baseball, so this one tugs mightily at the heart. There are countless other people in baseball, former players, managers, general managers, owners and especially scouts who can say the same thing. Roland was the all-time baseball mensch. Everybody — and I do mean everybody — loved him.

From 1970-85 with the White Sox and then 1988-95 as GM of the Orioles, he made 183 trades involving 654 players, most of them turning out in his favor, but you would never know it listening to him.

With Roland, there was a story behind every trade but his telling of it was always with wonderful humor. Take the Dent trade.

In the spring of 1977 word had gotten out that White Sox owner Bill Veeck, who was always operating the team on a shoestring, had instructed Hemond to trade Dent, who was coming up on free agency in a year. At the same time, Yankees owner George Steinbrenner, still smarting from the Bombers being swept by the Reds in the 1976 World Series, was determined to shore up the Yankees' one major weak spot — shortstop — where incumbents Fred "Chicken" Stanley and Jim Mason had combined to hit .211 in '76.

"Even though everyone knew I was in kind of a bind in needing to trade Bucky before Opening Day, I was trying like heck to get Ron Guidry, who was then only a prospect, from the Yankees," Hemond later told me. "I had read where George had said some disparaging things about Guidry and I also knew he was determined to get Bucky. My problem was with [Yankees president] Gabe (Paul) who was adamant about not trading Guidry. So I delayed and delayed, hoping that Steinbrenner would order Gabe to make the trade with Guidry. But to his credit, Gabe held his ground despite tremendous pressure from Steinbrenner, and on the last day of spring training we made the deal of Bucky for Oscar Gamble and a young pitching prospect LaMarr Hoyt plus $200,000 for Veeck's coffers. Even though he was a few years away, my scouts really liked Hoyt, who wasn't a hard thrower but had great control."

It turned out to be the kind of a deal Hemond loved to make — one that helped both clubs. Dent went on to 1978 Yankee immortality with his three-run homer that beat the Red Sox in the playoff game for the AL East title. Gamble hit .297 with 31 homers for the White Sox in '77 before leaving as a free agent and Hoyt, after breaking into the White Sox rotation in 1981, won the AL Cy Young award in '83, leading the majors with 24 victories. Then, two years later, Hemond traded him to the Padres for a rookie shortstop named Ozzie Guillen, who went on to become a White Sox icon in his own right as their shortstop for the next 13 seasons and later the manager of their 2005 world championship team.

Hemond's fleecing of Seaver from the Mets in '84 was a little different. Even though Mets GM Frank Cashen was a friend, Hemond was unapologetic for taking the Mets franchise and creating a furor in Queens. "I know Frank was embarrassed," Hemond told me, "but what was I supposed to do? I can understand why people in New York felt we wronged the Mets. But this was a business decision. Not only was Seaver still a top flight pitcher, he was the kind of class act person we wanted on our ballclub. Plus, the A's had the second pick in the draft and they were in our own division and if we hadn't taken Seaver they most surely would have."

Whenever I think of Roland now I will always remember his favorite saying: "Enjoy the moment." Because everyone who knew him thoroughly enjoyed every single moment we were ever in his company. RIP my friend.

Mets

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The 65-year-old Showalter joins Hall of Famers Casey Stengel, Yogi Berra and Joe Torre as managers of both the Mets and Yankees. Dallas Green held both jobs as well.

In addition to building a winner across town during the 1990s with the Yankees, Showalter has managed the Arizona Diamondbacks, Texas Rangers and Baltimore Orioles. He compiled a regular-season record of 1,551-1,517-1 (.506 winning percentage) from 1992-2018, winning three AL Manager of the Year awards and taking all his teams besides Texas to the playoffs at least once.

The Yankees (1996) and Diamondbacks (2001) both won the World Series in the first season after Showalter left. He led Arizona to 100 wins in 1999 before losing a playoff series to the Mets.

His most recent managerial gig came with Baltimore, where he spent eight-plus seasons from 2010-18. Showalter guided the Orioles to three playoff appearances, one division title and a berth in the 2014 AL Championship Series, where they were swept by Kansas City.

He was heavily criticized, however, for leaving dominant closer Zack Britton in the bullpen during the 2016 AL wild-card game, which the Orioles lost 5-2 in Toronto on Edwin Encarnación's three-run homer off Ubaldo Jiménez in the bottom of the 11th inning.

Baltimore also finished last in the AL East three times during Showalter's eight full seasons, including his final two. He was replaced by Brandon Hyde following a 47-115 debacle in 2018 as the Orioles overhauled baseball operations and embarked on a full rebuild.

Since then, Showalter has worked as an MLB Network analyst and on Yankees broadcasts with YES. Previously, he had a similar role at ESPN.

Wired tight but with a sense of humor, Showalter is well-known for his baseball acumen, dogged preparedness and meticulous attention to detail. He's already at ease in New York's large and pressurized media market, with relationships that go back decades to his time managing the Yankees.

The Mets declined their 2022 option on Rojas' contract Oct. 4, a day after they finished 77-85 and third in the NL East following a second-half meltdown.

They hired Eppler last month following a long search for someone to lead baseball operations under team president Sandy Alderson, and moved fast to sign four free agents for a total of $254.5 million: ace pitcher Max Scherzer ($130 million over three years), center fielder Starling Marte ($78 million over four years), outfielder Mark Canha ($26.5 million over two years) and All-Star infielder Eduardo Escobar ($20 million over two years).

The deals were completed in the days just before baseball's labor contract expired Dec. 1, leading to a lockout that halted transactions and froze big league rosters.

That allowed Eppler — who also spent years with the Yankees, although not until after Showalter's tenure ended — to finally turn his attention to finding a manager. Showalter becomes the fifth for the Mets in just more than four years.

Mickey Callaway replaced Collins and lasted two seasons. Rojas was swiftly promoted to skipper when Carlos Beltrán was let go in January 2020 without managing a single game — fallout from the Astros' 2017 sign-stealing scandal.

None of those three had managed in the majors before. Beltrán still hasn't. Rojas was hired by the Yankees last month to coach third base.

Now, it is Showalter's turn as he takes over a Mets team that's endured four losing seasons in five years and 10 in the past 13. New York has made the playoffs twice in the last 15 seasons, advancing only in 2015.

RED SOX

Prospect Binelas has come around since shock of big trade

By Alex Speier
Boston Globe

BOSTON — At around 10:15 p.m. Central time in Wisconsin on Dec. 1, Alex Binelas received a phone call from an unfamiliar number and let it roll to voicemail. A Brewers official asked the 21-year-old to call back.

Binelas immediately saw two possibilities. Perhaps it was a call to schedule a routine offseason drug test. Or, with minutes remaining before Major League Baseball owners initiated a work stoppage (and resulting transaction freeze) by locking out players, perhaps his life was about to change.

The return call was brief. Binelas, who less than five months earlier erupted in joy when drafted by his hometown team, was being traded to the Red Sox. A Sox official would follow up soon. No other details were shared.

Binelas hung up but was left with questions.

"I was just shocked," he recalled. "I didn't know what happened. 'Is this for real? What? What's going on?'

"Sure enough, we're watching ESPN, and the blockbuster trade shows up and I find out who I was traded for and what went down. I didn't find out in the call. I found out through Twitter and ESPN."

Binelas had been traded, along with Jackie Bradley Jr. and fellow Brewers prospect David Hamilton, to the Red Sox for outfielder Hunter Renfroe. While Bradley is the most familiar name in the deal, Binelas is arguably the headliner for Boston — a power-hitting corner infielder who had just completed a dominant pro debut after the Brewers took him in the third round of the draft.

Initially, he was left reeling. After Binelas was drafted by the Brewers on July 12, he made the 15-minute drive to pose for pictures outside of American Family Field. Being traded so early in his pro career was jarring.

"It sucked. I put my Brewers stuff in a box somewhere," said Binelas. "Everyone always told me it's a business. And it's crazy how fast things can change. I'm sitting here talking to you as a Boston Red Sox ... I'm just ready to move on, ready for this great opportunity."

The trade represented the cherry atop a chaotic year of frequent reversals.

Binelas entered the year as one of the best-known draft prospects. As a freshman at Louisville in 2019, the lefthanded hitter forged a .291/.383/.612 line with 14 homers, displaying the sort of power and approach to ensure prominence in the 2021 draft. Some around Louisville started calling the bearded 6-foot-3 slugger "Leonidas" for his evocation of the Spartan leader.

Krishnan carries Central Connecticut over Hartford

Staff and wire reports

NEW BRITAIN — Ian Krishnan had a season-high 21 points as Central Connecticut beat Hartford 75-65 in a nonconference game at Detrick Gym on Saturday.

Krishnan was 4-for-4 from three-point range as the Blue Devils made 10 in all and had four players in double figures. Nigel Scantlebury had 18 points and six assists for Central Connecticut (3-9). Andre Snoddy added 12 points and nine rebounds, and Tre Mitchell had 12 points.

Central Connecticut had 34 points in the first half, a season high for the team, but still only maintained a two-point lead at the break.

Moses Flowers scored a season-high 24 points and had nine rebounds for the Hawks (1-10). Austin Williams added 14 points and D.J. Mitchell had seven rebounds.

CCSU opened the game up in the second half. After the Hawks cut the lead to 36-35 in the opening moments, Central would hold Hartford scoreless for a seven-minute stretch and built its lead to double digits. The Hawks would get no closer than nine points the rest of the way.

Central plays next at Rutgers on Thursday, while Hartford is at Sacred Heart on Wednesday.

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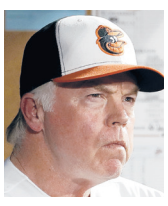
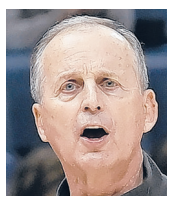
SHORTS

Mets hire Showalter as manager



Buck Showalter is back on the bench in New York. Nearly 30 years since making his name in pinstripes, Showalter has been hired as manager of the Mets as he returns to the Big Apple to take over his fifth major league team. The former Yankees skipper replaces Luis Rojas, let go in early October following two losing seasons. Mets owner Steve Cohen announced the move Saturday afternoon on Twitter. An official announcement from the club is expected in the next few days. Showalter has managed more than 3,000 big league games over 20 seasons, giving the Mets an experienced bench boss for the first time since Terry Collins' seven-year tenure ended after the 2017 campaign. The Mets have been searching for solid leadership ever since — in the dugout and the front office. Showalter certainly carries credibility, with a long history of turning around losing teams. No doubt that made him an attractive candidate to new Mets general manager Billy Eppler and the aggressive Cohen, who is spending freely on players and eager to win quickly since buying the franchise in November 2020.

Vols-Tigers game called due to virus



The men's basketball game between No. 18 Tennessee and Memphis was canceled about an hour before tipoff Saturday due to COVID-19 issues within the Tigers' program. The Volunteers had warmed up and were ready to play when the game was called off at 9:54 a.m. with several hundred fans already in attendance. Tipoff had been scheduled for 11 a.m. Memphis players did not enter the arena. It was not clear exactly how many players were in the COVID-19 protocols. The game was to be played in Bridgestone Arena in Nashville, a midway point between the two programs' campuses. Tennessee Coach Rick Barnes, above, decided to hold an intrasquad scrimmage for Vols fans in attendance. The pep band entered the floor and played "Rocky Top." Once the game was canceled, security didn't let anyone else in the arena, upsetting some Vols fans who wanted to watch the scrimmage. The program tweeted an apology, saying: "When this tweet was sent, we were of the belief fans could still access the arena. That was not the case + we apologize for the confusion."

EPL schedule gets hit by COVID-19

The English Premier League's pandemic-affected schedule took a further hit on Saturday when a COVID-19 outbreak in Aston Villa's squad sparked the postponement of its match against Burnley, reducing the number of fixtures in the round to four. England continued to be the most heavily disrupted of the major soccer countries in Europe, reflecting the growing public health emergency in Britain as the omicron variant spreads. So depleted was the Premier League schedule, there was only one game on Saturday — Arsenal's 4-1 win over Leeds. That was played despite Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta saying there had been more coronavirus cases among the club's players and staff. Villa-Burnley was scheduled to be the other game but it was called off around two hours before kickoff, with Villa telling the league it did not have enough players to field a team following more positive tests in its squad that were reported early Saturday. Five matches scheduled for this weekend had already been called off because of coronavirus outbreaks in squads. The league said the games set for Sunday — Newcastle-Manchester City, Wolverhampton-Chelsea and Tottenham-Liverpool — "are currently scheduled to proceed as planned." *—AP*

Washington quarterback Taylor Heinicke (4) is sacked by Cowboys linebacker Micah Parsons on Dec. 12. **MARK TENALLY/AP**

NFL

The Parsons projectile

As praise grows, Cowboys rookie eyes the next steps

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

After a sixth consecutive game with a sack, Cowboys rookie linebacker Micah Parsons started the next day with a text to one of his coaches.

"What do we got this week?" Parsons asked defensive coordinator Dan Quinn.

The question fits with the philosophy of the former Penn State player who skipped college football's shortened COVID-19 year before getting drafted 12th overall. Parsons is always thinking about what's next, not what's done.

"That drive I have inside of me, wanting to be great, wanting to do more, wanting more on my plate just comes with wanting to do this," Parsons said. "I don't think nobody can become something by sitting back and watch and waiting for something to happen. I am trying to initiate it to happen."

So what's next? How about the first player in 40 years to sweep the NFL's two biggest defensive awards, player and rookie of the year?

The last to do that was Pro Football Hall of Famer Lawrence Taylor in 1981. The Cowboys (9-4) are playing Taylor's team, the Giants (4-9), on Sunday. Yes, people are already dropping that name while watching Parsons get within range of two rookie sacks records and calling him the best player on the Cowboys roster — offense or defense.

"It's really too early," Parsons said. "I could see the similarities. But LT was completely different. It's an honor that people are doing that."

Parsons had already started the LT talk before last week's 27-20 victory over Washington, when his strip sack on Taylor Heinicke led to the Cowboys' second consecutive game with a defensive touchdown, on Dorance Armstrong's 37-yard fumble return.

That was one of two sacks for Parsons, the third time he has done that during a six-game run with at least one sack. That streak is two games shy of Jevon Kearse's rookie record with the Titans in 1999. After the game, fellow rookie Simi Fehoko, a receiver, tweeted, "Just trying to find my seat on the plane and was sacked by Micah. ... Nobody is safe."

Then came Parsons' text to Quinn.

"So that tells me that he's down for a challenge and what we got to get done," Quinn said. "I said, 'Hey man, I'm still grading this game, so I'll get back to you. Give me a minute.' It's 9:30 in the morning."

The Cowboys were without both their starting defensive ends, DeMarcus Lawrence and Randy Gregory, for Parsons' second game as a pro. News of their absences came during the week, which meant the Cowboys had to toss Parsons into the pass rushing group. Almost every snap he played in a win at the Chargers was at defensive end.

With Lawrence, Gregory and other previously missing pieces all back, Parsons can play anywhere. And he does. Sometimes, it's as a linebacker. Sometimes, it's at end. Sometimes, it's over the center. This was all part of the vision Quinn had when coming to Dallas after getting fired midseason as coach in Atlanta last year. But Quinn, and the rest of the coaches and personnel people, can't say they thought he'd be the first rookie in 15 years with 12 sacks and three forced fumbles — with four games remaining. Parsons needs three sacks to beat Kearse's rookie record of 14 ½. He has a chance for the rare combination of double-digit sacks and triple-digit tackles.

"I will say it's hard to have expected what No. 11 is doing in terms of doing all the things that he's asked to do, whether it's make great plays in coverage, whether it's make plays on the quarterback from the blitzing spot, whether it's a natural pass rusher, whether it's just running plays down sideline to sideline," executive vice president of personnel Stephen Jones said on his radio show. "Who could have ever thought that he could digest all of that and be able to line up at all those different positions and get it done?"

Parsons would have said he could, even all the way back when the Cowboys moved down two spots in the draft and still got him after the cornerbacks they targeted were gone.

There were some early glimpses of his eagerness during HBO's "Hard Knocks" series from training camp.

Parsons begged to get back into preseason games, and wasn't happy when he didn't. He told an assistant coach, "The lion is always hungry," and has since trademarked that unexpected catchphrase. It helps that Penn State is his alma mater, and don't think his former coach, James Franklin, and others haven't noticed what Parsons is doing.

"Coach Franklin preached it a lot: the great ones always figure it out," Parsons said. "Whether it's just small details in your routine that you may have to change, or you've got to add things to your game that you've got to get comfortable with. And if you figure it out, it's always going to be a lot of success for yourself. Hopefully, I'm figuring it out and I just keep adding on to it."

The numbers says this budding star is.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Zappe's big day leads Hilltoppers

Associated Press

Bailey Zappe capped his record-setting season in style, and Western Kentucky capped a difficult week with a bowl win.

Zappe broke a pair of single-season FBS records by passing for 422 yards and six touchdowns, and Western Kentucky handed Appalachian State its first-ever bowl loss by beating the Mountaineers 59-38 in the Boca Raton Bowl on Saturday.

Zappe finished the season with 5,967 yards and 62 touchdowns for the Hilltoppers (9-5). He topped the previous FBS marks of 5,833 yards set by Texas Tech's B.J. Symons in 2003 and 60 touchdowns set by LSU's Joe Burrow in the Tigers' run to the national championship in the 2019 season.

"In my opinion Bailey Zappe is the best quarterback in college football, and now he gets to say he is one of the best," Western Kentucky coach Tyson Helton said. "He'll go down in history as being one of the best, and holds two records. It's just special to be a part of that."

Jerreth Sterns caught 13 passes for 184 yards and three touchdowns for Western Kentucky, finishing his season with 150 catches for 1,902 yards. Mitchell Tinsley had two TD catches for the Hilltoppers and Noah Whittington needed only seven carries to rush for 150 yards, 86 of those on a third-quarter scoring run.

It has been an emotional time for Western Kentucky, which played with those affected by the unspeakable damage caused by what state officials have called the most destructive tornado event in Kentucky's history. Tornadoes across the region last weekend — including in Bowling Green, where Western Kentucky's campus sits — have been blamed for 78 deaths in Kentucky alone.

"I hope today that everyone back home was watching and they felt just positive about everything and they kind of just forgot about the tornadoes for a temporary moment," Sterns said. "I'm glad we got to do that for them today."

Chase Brice passed for 317 yards and four touchdowns for Appalachian State (10-4) before leaving in the fourth quarter with a right leg injury. It was the first loss in seven all-time bowl games for the Mountaineers.

"I'm very proud of our team to win 10 games," Appalachian State coach Shawn Clark said. "That's hard."

Fields throws four TDs as South Carolina State wins Celebration Bowl: Cory Fields threw for four touchdowns, three to Shaquan Davis, to lead South Carolina State to a stunning 31-10 victory over Jackson State in the Celebration Bowl on Saturday in a game considered to be the national championship of historically Black colleges and universities.

It marks the first time the Bulldogs (7-5) has topped the HBCUs since 2009. Jackson State (11-2) hasn't won the title since 1996.

The game was dominated by defenses, as South Carolina State limited Jackson State to just 194 yards of total offense, a record for the Celebration Bowl, which began in 2015. The Bulldogs scored their first three touchdowns shortly after turnovers by Jackson State (11-2) gave South Carolina State the ball in the red zone, at the Jackson State 5-, 16-, and 19-yard lines.

Those three turnovers were by freshman quarterback Shedeur Sanders, son of head coach Deion Sanders. He threw two interceptions, one of which glanced off the hands of a receiver, and lost a fumble when sacked.

South Carolina State, champions of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, entered the game in Mercedes Benz Stadium as underdogs. Jackson State had rolled into the contest with just one loss, but the champions of the Southwestern Athletic Conference never got going.

Midway through the second quarter, South Carolina State defensive end Patrick Godbolt sacked Sanders and forced a fumble. Linebacker BJ Davis recovered to set the Bulldogs up at the Jacksonville State 5-yard line. Three plays later, Fields hit Davis over the middle for a touchdown to tie the score at 7-7.

Davis, a native of Summerville, South Carolina, delivered a celebratory dance in the end zone that was a perfect imitation of those Deion Sanders performed many times after he made big plays as a defensive back with the Atlanta Falcons from 1989-93.

Fresno State hangs on to top UTEP in New Mexico Bowl: Jordan Mims ran for 165 yards and two touchdown and and caught five passes for 71 yards and another score to help Fresno State beat UTEP 31-24 on Saturday in the New Mexico Bowl.

Fresno State (10-3) won the bowl game for the first time in three tries.

Jake Haener was 26 of 41 for 286 yards and a touchdown. His status had been somewhat in doubt when he briefly entered the transfer portal after coach Kalen DeBoer took the job at Washington.

Mims' 22-yard catch and run late in third quarter gave the Bulldogs a 26-17 lead. The Miners (7-6) pulled to 26-24 early in the fourth quarter on Calvin Brownholtz's 51-yard touchdown pass to Trent Thompson.

But Fresno State got a field goal, followed by a UTEP safety, before the Bulldogs ran out the clock.

UTEP has lost the New Mexico Bowl in all three of its appearances and has a seven-game bowl losing streak dating to 1967.

NFL

GIANTS

Giants carry long memories

No one forgetting postgame punch from Cowboys

By Pat Leonard
New York Daily News

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Evan Engram wouldn't take the bait.

He wouldn't admit that Sunday is an opportunity for payback on Jayron Kearse, the Cowboys safety who punched Engram in the face after Dallas' 44-20 win in October.

"I'm not looking at it like that," Engram said this week with a smile. "We're gonna go out there and play football."

There is most definitely bad blood here that could spill over, however, dating two months back to what Engram mocked as Kearse's "baby punch" in an interview with the Daily News.

The last-place Giants (4-9) obviously are overmatched by the first-place Cowboys (9-4) in the talent department.

All the flu and COVID-19 sweeping through the Giants' East Rutherford, N.J., facility puts them even more squarely behind the eight ball on Sunday at MetLife Stadium.

But Joe Judge's team intends to put up a fight, and they have first-hand experience with one of Dallas' biggest weaknesses: a lack of composure.

Cowboys defensive tackle Trysten Hill got suspended two games for punching

Giants tight end Evan Engram makes a reception against the Cowboys on Oct. 10 in Texas. MICHAEL AINSWORTH/AP

Raiders guard John Simpson in the face following Las Vegas' win on Thanksgiving Day.

Then Dallas right tackle La'el Collins was ejected from last week's win over Washington for throwing a punch at defensive end William Bradley-King after a hit on Dak Prescott on the sideline.

Kearse wasn't fined for his punch of Engram, which FOX and NFL Films said they did not have on camera. Video of Hill's punch, on the other hand, went viral and cost him checks.

The Giants haven't forgotten, though.

There's a good chance Dallas' early-season disrespect came up in meetings this week, and the Giants' feelings certainly have changed since October.

Right guard Will Hernandez told The News the week after Kearse punched Engram: "I wish I would have been there. You know what? It's great, because we play them again."

Judge said that week: "We'll see these guys again."

Judge also signed former Cowboys linebacker Jaylon Smith on Friday, adding an emotional player with an ax to grind against Dallas for cutting him earlier this season.

The Giants by no means intend to lose their own composure, like rookie receiver Kadarius Toney did in the mid-game Week 5 melee down in Arlington, Texas.

But let's face it: this rivalry needs some sort of juice from the Giants to be a rivalry again.

There is no rivalry anymore, even though Judge snapped a 7-game skid in the head-to-head series with a Week 17 win last January.

The Giants have lost eight of their last nine to Dallas from 2017 through this fall.

Cowboys (9-4) at Giants (4-9)

Series record: Cowboys lead 70-47-2.
Last meeting: Cowboys beat Giants 44-20 on Oct. 10 at Arlington, Texas.
Last week: Cowboys beat Washington 27-20; Giants lost to Chargers 37-21.
Cowboys player to watch: LB Micah Parsons is 2½ sacks from tying Jevon Kearse's rookie record of 14½ with Tennessee in 1999.
Giants player to watch: RB Saquon Barkley has struggled coming back from a torn ACL last season. He started slowly and seemed to get in gear against New Orleans with a game-winning TD run in overtime and 126 yards from scrimmage.
Key matchup: With Leonard Williams nursing an arm injury, New York's defensive line is going to be hard pressed to slow down the Cowboys.
Game notes: Dallas is 3-0 against the NFC East and has a three-game division lead with four games remaining. No other NFL team is unbeaten in its division. ... Coach Mike McCarthy is 2-0 in December, pushing his career record for the month to 40-19 (.678). The victories and winning percentage are better than any other month for McCarthy. ... Ezekial Elliott has reached 100 yards rushing four times in 28 games since the start of 2020. It's by far the longest sustained drought for the two-time rushing champ, who has been slowed by a troublesome right knee for weeks. ... The Giants have lost two straight but won their last three at MetLife Stadium. ... New York has had 11 players catch a touchdown pass this season. ... The Giants rushed for 135 yards against the Chargers —*AP*

JETS

Wilson can't afford to be indecisive

By DJ Bien-Aime II
New York Daily News

MIAMI — Zach Wilson's first nine games have delivered a roller coaster of emotions for Jets fans.

The electric playmaking explosion against the Titans in Week 4 brought overwhelming joy to Gang Green nation. The four-interception debacle against the Patriots in his second career start caused fans to bury their faces in agony. Games against the Falcons and Broncos left folks indifferent.

Then Wilson suffered a knee injury in the Week 7 rematch against New England that sidelined the rookie quarterback for four games.

In his return to action these last three weeks, the only noticeable area of improvement for the former BYU star is in his interception rate. He threw nine in his first six starts, but just two since his Week 12 return against the Texans.

But the constant theme is indecision.

"I just need to play loose and not try and be such a perfect pocket passing quarterback all the time," Wilson said Thursday in trying to shed light on the mental war he's currently battling. "That's the biggest thing, I'm just trying to do so right by the coaches and what they're asking me to do."

Wilson must play with a free mind against the Miami Dolphins (6-7) and react naturally.

A lot of his issues have revolved around overthinking and not trusting his eyes, a consistent issue for the 22-year-old signal-caller.

The conflict starts with his preferred playing style vs. the Jets' offensive system.

Wilson excelled in college when he played a backyard style of football and created dynamic plays outside of the structure of the offense. Fans witnessed it against the Titans in the 27-24 upset for his first career win on the 50 plus yard throws to Keelan Cole and Corey Davis.

It's the style of play that shot him up the draft boards all the way to the No. 2 overall pick in April.

But the Jets offense is timing-based where throws must be executed within the rhythm of the play.

He takes an educated guess on what defensive coverage a team presents pre-snap, then tries to dissect the defense quickly based on what they show post-snap.

The quick part hasn't happened fast enough for the rookie.

When Wilson's first read isn't open, he often panics, gets happy feet and rushes his throws. Other times, he'll scramble out of clean pockets.

Jets (3-10) at Dolphins (6-7)

Time/TV: 1 p.m., CBS
Series record: Dolphins lead, 56-55-1.
Last meeting: Dolphins beat Jets 24-17 on Nov. 21 in East Rutherford, New Jersey.
Last week: Jets lost 30-9 to Saints; Dolphins had bye, beat Giants 20-9 on Dec. 5.
Jets player to watch: WR Braxton Berrios has become the go-to player for the Jets; they targeted him a team-high 10 times on passes in last week's loss to New Orleans, plus he returned five kickoffs and three punts.
Dolphins player to watch: Rookie LB Jaelan Phillips is playing his best football of the year, with five sacks in his last two games and seven sacks during Miami's current five-game winning streak.
Key matchup: Miami's secondary vs. the Jets' passing game.
Game notes: The Jets would be assured of a last-place finish in the AFC East with a loss. It would be their fifth such finish in the last six years. ... The Jets are allowing 30.5 points per game, on pace for the second most in franchise history. The 1975 team gave up 30.9 per game. ... New York is 2-0 when holding opponents under 100 rushing yards, 1-10 otherwise. ... The Dolphins are 17-7 in November, December and January under coach Brian Flores. Only Kansas City (21) and Baltimore (18) have more wins during those months since 2019. ...Miami is looking to get to 7-7 after starting the season 1-7. The only team in NFL history to pull off that exact feat was the Jets in 1974. —*AP*

New England Patriots offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels, right, talks with head coach Bill Belichick prior to the game against the Cleveland Browns on Nov. 14, in Foxborough, Mass. MICHAEL DWYER/AP

PATRIOTS

McDaniels is the man with a plan

Offensive coordinator continues to show he can deliver with plays in any situation

By Tara Sullivan
Boston Globe

Just as his head coaching candidacy heats up again, Josh McDaniels walks into the scene Saturday night of his most egregious head coaching crime.

No, not Denver, where an 11-17 record got him fired before he even completed his second season with the Broncos, but Indianapolis, where McDaniels's last-second reversal on taking the job damaged his reputation enough that he hadn't been a serious candidate since.

But unlike previous coaching cycles, such as two years ago when McDaniels was shut out of even getting an interview while the Giants opted for his far-less-experienced and little-known Patriots colleague Joe Judge, the 45-year-old offensive coordinator is already in the conversation for an elusive second chance next season. The Urban Meyer debacle in Jacksonville revved the engine on job openings for 2022, and with the Jaguars' young quarterback, Trevor Lawrence, direly in need of good coaching, McDaniels should be in the mix.

This season has made that abundantly clear, leaving no room for surprise should McDaniels get hired away at season's end.

Of course, there are unknown variables — beginning with whether McDaniels wants to leave the Patriots. We know Robert Kraft moved heaven and earth, not to mention a plane and a checkbook, to pull McDaniels back from that Indianapolis precipice, so the notion of some behind-the-scenes agreement for McDaniels to be the head coach in New England someday is not far-fetched.

But barring something that definitive to keep McDaniels voluntarily off the market, the work he's done this season is the top line of a résumé that is sure to impress owners who end up looking for a new coach. Like his boss, Bill Belichick, once did, there is bound to be belief that McDaniels can use his Denver experience and subsequent return to the coordinator level the way Belichick used his Cleveland experience and subsequent return to the coordinator level, as a learning tool to make the second time around better than the first.

The McDaniels conversation starts with the development of Mac Jones, whose rookie year has been guided along expertly under McDaniels's tutelage, though McDaniels's profile is by no means limited to the way his play-calling has helped Jones to flourish as much as he has.

McDaniels's work from game to game has been impressive, bested perhaps only by his work within games. He has been creative without being crazy, been flexible without being scattershot, been consistent without being predictable. His work across the seven-game winning streak has included reliance on Jones and the passing game (289 yards in the air to beat Tennessee, 36-13), a game that was followed by a laughable-if-it-weren't-so-effective abandonment of Jones in favor of his running backs (only three pass attempts and 222 rushing yards in the most recent win, 14-10 over Buffalo).

In fact, you'd have to go back before the winning streak to find a McDaniels dud. It's one that worked out OK, with the Patriots escaping Houston thanks to a clock-churning, game-winning seven-minute field goal drive, but it's also one that seemed to push McDaniels to a better place. He was critical of his own play-calling after that Week 5 win, and has been on a roll since, with the Patriots eclipsing 30 points three times.

"He's an excellent play-caller," Belichick said earlier this season of McDaniels. "Timing, setting up sequences of plays. Not necessarily one after the other, but maybe it's by a situation or building it off something earlier in the game that he knows the opponent is going to be over there talking about. That's kind of what he wants to do is talk about that because the next play is going to complement that or the next time that situation comes up.

All eyes on unvaccinated QBs on playoff teams amid virus resurgence

By Pat Leonard
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Imagine if the Green Bay Packers reach the Super Bowl and Aaron Rodgers has to sit out due to a positive COVID-19 test.

What if the Indianapolis Colts get into the playoffs and lose Carson Wentz to the virus? Or the Minnesota Vikings squeak in only to find out Kirk Cousins can't play?

The NFL has relaxed the return-to-play protocols for asymptomatic, vaccinated players to come back as soon as 24 hours after a positive test. But unvaccinated players who test positive still are required to isolate for a period of 10 days.

The league pivot on protocols amid the Omicron outbreak is designed to adjust to the new science while also creating the most sensible and safe solution to complete a season.

However, it makes the unvaccinated players at the sport's most valuable position stick out even more as potential liabilities and competitive disadvantages to their teams.

Thanks to the reporting of Kalyn Kahler of Defector Media in July and August, there is an unofficial database of which quarterbacks had answered in the affirmative or passed on the vaccination question in training camp, and who wasn't asked at all.

More quarterbacks eventually got asked, and then Rodgers' lie about his vaccination status prompted a fresh midseason wave of inquiries.

Rodgers, Wentz and Cousins are the three who revealed at some point this season that they are not vaccinated. If that's still the case for Wentz and Cousins, they could be sidelined from any game at any time.

Rodgers is exempt from the league's testing cadence for 90 days from his positive test in early November, per the protocols. But he'll have to start testing again the week before the Super Bowl. So if the Packers advance to the big game, he'd be in jeopardy.

That seems to be the select QB group for teams to worry about, though it's impossible to know for sure.

The Dallas Cowboys' Dak Prescott declined to answer the question in the summer but said in November that he is vaccinated.

The Buffalo Bills' Josh Allen, who expressed skepticism of the vaccine in the spring, also declined to answer in the summer. A source with knowledge of the situation believes Allen is vaccinated.

But there is also fresh scrutiny on the validity of all players' vaccination status claims in the wake of Bucs receiver Antonio Brown getting caught red-handed submitting a fake vaxx card.

Brown was only caught because a chef that he owed money ratted him out. Will the NFL give a fresh look at players' credentials entering the postseason? If the league does check up on it, what will it find?

Aaron Rodgers, left, of the Green Bay Packers calls a play during a game against the Chicago Bears at Lambeau Field on Dec. 12 in Green Bay, Wisconsin. STACY REVERE/GETTY

The Bucs' Tom Brady — who often refused to wear a mask during the 2020 shutdown season — had never said he is vaccinated. And the Bucs had said they were 100% vaccinated, only to see Brown and safety Mike Edwards suspended for having fake vaccine cards.

But Brady apparently was telling teammates during training camp and OTAs about the importance of the vaccine, according to Kahler. One player said Brady told teammates it could help "in your employment and your health journey."

The NFL reminded the entire league on Thursday how best to guard against this new furious COVID-19 spread.

"We will continue to strongly encourage booster shots as the most effective protection," the league said in a statement.

Some of these teams should strongly remind their players, especially their quarterbacks, if they are interested in winning and advancing.

WEATHER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET
Morning clouds, possible showers in eastern areas, becoming partly sunny, breezy and chilly.	Sunshine mixing with a few clouds late in the day, chilly.	Partly sunny and seasonable.	Mixed clouds and sunshine, chilly.	Mostly sunny and quite chilly.
HIGH 38° LOW 18°	HIGH 36° LOW 23°	HIGH 42° LOW 22°	HIGH 39° LOW 23°	HIGH 34° LOW 18°

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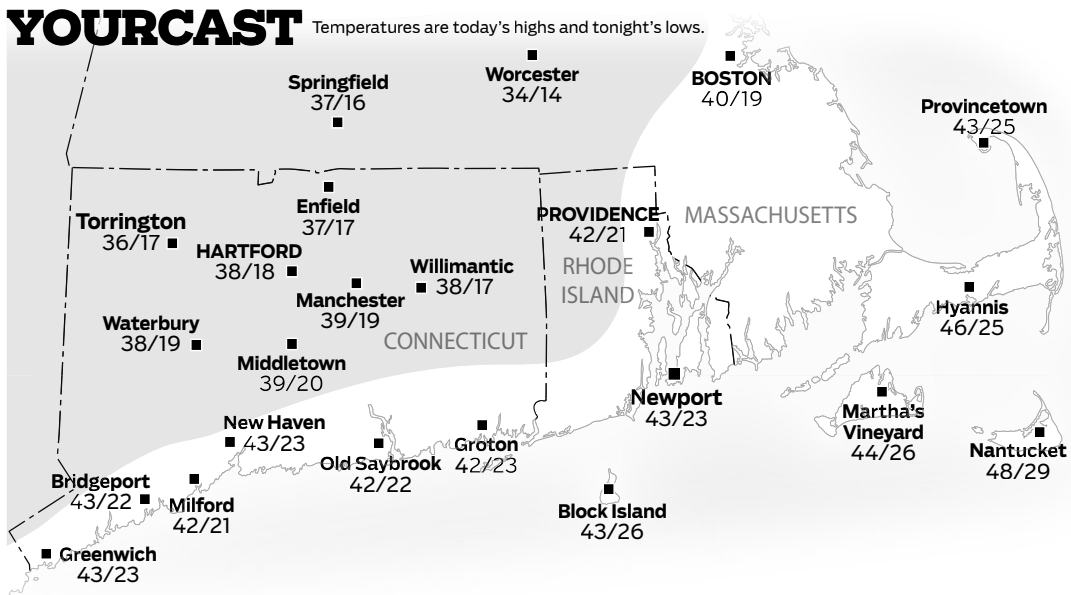

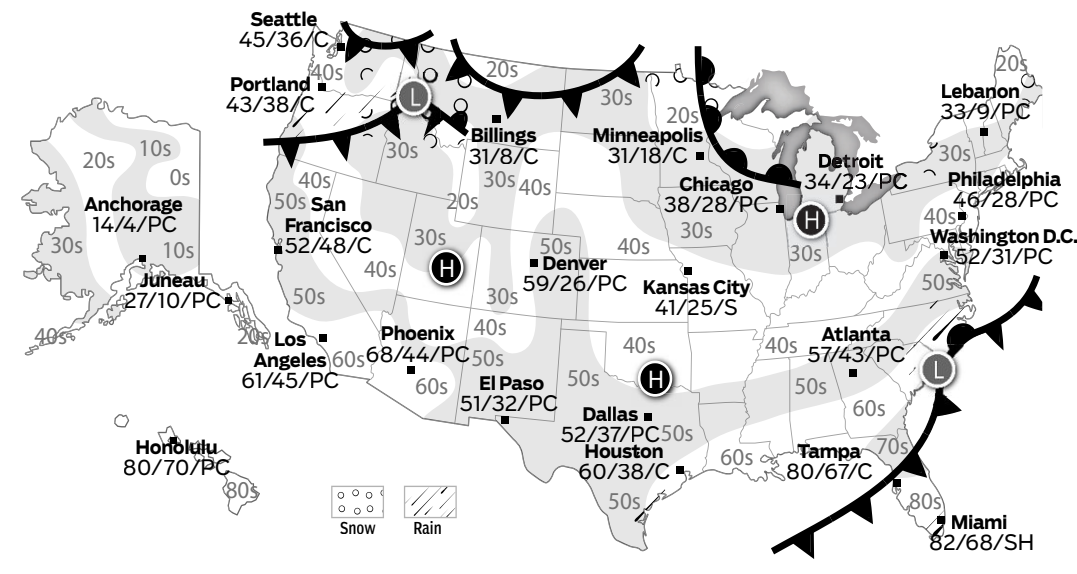

OUTLOOK

A departing storm system could produce some lingering showers in eastern portions of the state early Sunday morning and it should cause lingering clouds throughout the state. As the day progresses and some drying moves into the region the sky will become partly cloudy, but it is going to be quite breezy. Temperatures will be seasonable. High pressure will bring mostly sunny skies, lighter winds, and chilly temperatures on Monday. Long range forecasts for the rest of 2021 call for seasonable to somewhat colder than normal temperatures and near normal precipitation.

-Gary Lessor

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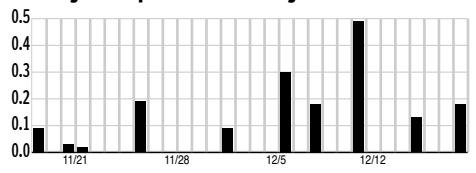
Precipitation In Inches	Total	Normal
Yesterday (by 5 p.m.)	0.18	0.13
Month to date	1.37	2.47
Total this year	53.36	45.44
Snowfall In Inches		
Yesterday (by 4 p.m.)	0.0	0.3
Total this year	2.1	7.0

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks

30-day Precipitation History In Inches

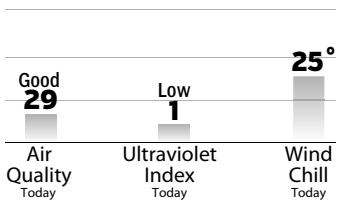


Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	9:22 a.m. 9:46 p.m.	3:12 a.m. 4:01 p.m.	50°
Saybrook Jetty	10:33 a.m. 10:57 p.m.	4:05 a.m. 4:54 p.m.	48°
Connecticut River at Portland	12:58 a.m. 1:16 p.m.	7:51 a.m. 8:40 p.m.	
Madison	10:49 a.m. 11:20 p.m.	4:31 a.m. 5:09 p.m.	47°
New Haven	11:09 a.m. 11:40 p.m.	4:55 a.m. 5:33 p.m.	47°
Stamford	11:13 a.m. 11:44 p.m.	5:09 a.m. 5:47 p.m.	48°

River Stage at Hartford: 6.00 feet at 5:30 p.m.

Boating Weather	L.I. Sound W AM Clouds	L.I. Sound E AM Clouds	B. I. Sound Showers
Wind	NW, 15	NW, 15	N, 15-20
Seas	2 ft.	2-3 ft.	2-4 ft.

Air Quality Forecast For Today



	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	7:13 a.m.	7:14 a.m.
Sunset	4:22 p.m.	4:22 p.m.
Moonrise	4:39 p.m.	5:31 p.m.
Moonset	7:47 a.m.	8:39 a.m.

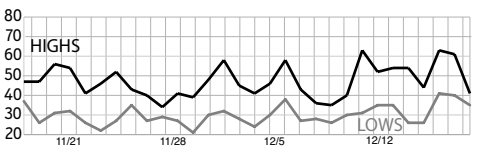
Moon Phase

Last	New	First	Full
Dec 26	Jan 2	Jan 9	Jan 17

Temperature	High	Low
Saturday	41 at 11:01 a.m	35 at 3:59 a.m
Normal for date	40	24
Record for date	58 in 1954	-6 in 1919
A year ago	30	12
Range this year	99	1

Heating Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For July 1 - Dec 18	1422	1719	1537

30-day Temperature History



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	30.21 at 8 a.m.	29.98 at 6 p.m.
Dew point	34° at 5 p.m.	24° at 11 a.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND				Baltimore	48	25	PC	Nashville	47	29	PC	San Juan	83	73	C	Budapest	37	27	S
Bangor	34	11	C	Bismarck	42	7	C	New Orleans	63	49	C	Tucson	67	41	S	Buenos Aires	90	72	PC
Burlington	27	10	C	Boise	32	19	C	New York	41	27	PC	**WORLD**				Cairo	65	50	PC
Caribou	24	8	C	Buffalo	31	21	C	Okla. City	49	27	S	Amsterdam	45	36	C	Cancun	83	72	T
Concord	34	10	PC	Charleston	72	38	SH	Omaha	41	20	S	Athens	50	36	S	Dubai	82	64	PC
Montpelier	26	9	C	Cincinnati	42	25	PC	Orlando	84	65	C	Bangkok	91	70	S	Dublin	48	43	C
Mt. Wash.	12	-3	C	Cleveland	35	25	C	Pittsburgh	39	22	C	Barbados	85	77	C	Edinburgh	39	37	C
Portland	35	12	C	Indianapolis	39	26	PC	Raleigh	55	26	SH	Beijing	48	23	S	Helsinki	32	14	C
Woods Hole	41	22	PC	Jacksonville	78	52	C	St. Louis	43	28	PC	Beirut	64	55	SH	Hong Kong	66	61	PC
NATION				Las Vegas	55	37	PC	Salt Lake City	36	19	PC	Berlin	46	32	C	Istanbul	45	36	R
Albany	34	12	PC	Miami Beach	80	72	T	San Antonio	52	39	C	Bermuda	70	64	SH	Jerusalem	54	45	PC
Albuquerque	46	25	PC	Milwaukee	35	27	PC	San Diego	60	47	PC					Johannesburg	66	54	SH
Atlantic City	45	21	PC																

KEY: **S** Sunny, **C** Cloudy, **PC** Partly Cloudy, **R** Rain, **SH** Showers, **SN** Snow, **SF** Snow Flurries, **T** T-storms

Kingston	87	71	SH	Stockholm	36	27	PC										
Lisbon	63	55	SH	Sydney	76	69	PC										
London	43	41	C	Tel Aviv	65	52	PC										
Madrid	54	37	SH	Tokyo	52	37	S										
Mexico City	73	46	PC	Toronto	27	18	C										
Milan	39	30	C	Vancouver	41	28	C										
Montreal	27	10	PC	Warsaw	41	32	SH										
Moscow	32	19	SN														
Nassau	84	70	SH														
New Delhi	63	43	PC														
Paris	46	41	C														
Prague	46	32	C														
Rio de Janeiro	86	68	R														
Rome	50	36	C														
Seoul	37	36	S														
Singapore	91	75	T														

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LOCAL SCORES

FRIDAY'S LATE HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BOYS BASKETBALL

CCC-Inter
MANCHESTER 65, NEW BRITAIN 52
NEW BRITAIN (0-1): Demari Johnson 3-1-9, Xavier Goode 3-8-17, Dontay Bishop 3-0-6, Jackson Forte 1-3-5, Claeb Cardona 0-1-1, Juan Desidero 0-2-2, Gerard Brown 2-0-4, Dennis Forbes 1-0-2, Omarion Gadson 2-2-6. Totals 15-17-52.
MANCHESTER (1-0): Taliek Davis 5-1-11, Troy Butler 9-8-28, Vinny Cavallo 2-0-5, Jared Lindstrom 1-2-4, Jermaine Robinson 1-0-2, Jayden Cersosimo 4-0-8, Adrian Parker 1-0-3, Lucas Ryan 2-0-4. Totals 25-11-65.
NCCC
GRANBY 65, ROCKVILLE 55
GRANBY (1-0): Declan Lynch 2-0-4, Russel Brown 1-0-3, Justin Phillips 4-0-8, Josh Brown 6-5-18, Liam Heinze 7-4-20, Andrew Guilliano 1-4-6, John Bell 1-0-2, Ralph Rossi 1-2-4. Totals 23-15-65.
ROCKVILLE (0-1): Juneil Powell 2-0-6, Weston LeBrecque 4-0-9, Jayden Tate 2-3-7, Dylan Resendes 6-3-19, John Ryan 6-0-14. Totals 20-6-55.
G; 14; 7; 22; 22; —; 65
R; 14; 11; 11; 19; —; 55
CRAL
UNIVERSITY 58, CIVIC LEADERSHIP 39
UNIVERSITY (1-0): Norman Harris 4-2-10, Yousif Abdergadir 1-1-3, Chauncey Reid 3-1-7, Qaasim Ali 1-0-2, Jon Christian 1-3-5, Makinton Dophin 0-3-3, Emmanuel Ikechukwu 7-4-19, Shalik Ceasar 4-1-9. Totals 24-12-58.
CIVIC LEADERSHIP (0-1): Kyon McCray 4-1-9, Noah Hicks 4-4-14, Chris Norton 5-0-13, Donovan Brown 1-1-3. Totals 14-6-39.
U; 14; 8; 21; 15; —; 58
CL; 8; 7; 12; 12; —; 39

GIRLS BASKETBALL

CCC-Inter
MALONEY 43, ROCKY HILL 35 (OT)
ROCKY HILL (1-1): Abigail Boutin 2-1-5, Alyssa Gau 2-0-4, Kate Oostendorp 4-2-10, Faith Beliveau 2-0-4, Maleena Muzio 1-1-3, Christina DeNovellis 2-3-7. Totals 13-7-33.
MALONEY (2-0): Evelyn Beltran 1-3-5, Amal Bahili 1-0-3, Gracey Massicotte 3-3-10, Deja Riddle 0-0-0, Cherish Roman 0-0-0, Nadia Berrios-Lugo 0-0-0, Jaylice Rosario 10-5-25. Totals 15-11-43.
RH; 8; 5; 10; 10; 2; —; 35
M; 1; 13; 13; 6; 10; —; 43
Note: Rosario had 22rebounds, 6steals, 2 blocks, Bahili had 3steals and Massicotte had 2steals.
WINDSOR 63, BRISTOL EASTERN 57 (OT)
BRISTOL EASTERN (0-2): Taigan Parent 4-0-9, Emily Piendak 0-3-3, Ciara Collins 12-8-33, Leah Roy 2-0-4, Janessa Gonzalez 0-1-1, Emma Stavens 2-2-7. Totals 20-14-57.
WINDSOR (1-1): Ayanna Franks 11-12-34, Mikaela Williams 6-2-14, Amaiya Stevens 2-0-4, Janet Woodard 3-0-6, Kennedy Carter 1-0-3, Jordyn Bay-Kent 1-0-2. Totals 24-14-63.
BE; 6; 12; 16; 18; 5; —; 57
W; 15; 12; 10; 15; 11; —; 63
Note: Franks was 7-for-8for the FT line in overtime and had 17rebounds, 5steals. Williams had 8rebounds, 3steals and Woodard had 9rebounds.
EAST HARTFORD 33, BERLIN 31
EAST HARTFORD (2-0): Kayla Henry 2-5-10, Shailyn Pinkney 5-2-12, Nia Edens 3-2-8, Savannah Morgan 1-0-2, Elizabeth Kalugira 0-1-1. Totals 11-10-33.
BERLIN (1-1): Jenna Wenzel 1-2-5, Eva Desmarais 0-1-1, Maddy Sadowski 1-0-2, Claire McGeever 3-2-11, Emma Ellison 1-1-3, Kailee DeMaio 4-0-9. Totals 10-6-31.
EH; 2; 10; 10; 11; —; 33
B; 4; 5; 14; 8; —; 31
Note: DeMaio had 13rebounds.
SCC
MERCY 62, LAW 45
MERCY (1-1): Avery Kohs 2-0-5, Sophie Hedge 12-0-27, Kate Donlan 1-0-2, Ava Giansiracusa 4-4-12, Melina Ford 2-0-4, Jasmine Mendez 1-2-4, Caelyn McMahon-Egan 1-1-4, Mercedes Artaiz 1-2-4. Totals 23-9-62.
LAW (1-1): Shelby Green 1-3-5, Jenna Wasserman 0-0-0, Mariyan Reid 5-3-13, Paige Jolley 5-2-16, Sabrina Lawless 2-1-6, Nicolina Salato 2-1-5. Totals 15-10-45.
M; 14; 19; 16; 13; —; 62
L; 12; 11; 17; 5; —; 45
NVL
ST. PAUL 75, KENNEDY 47
ST. PAUL (1-0): Haileigh Orzel 6-2-16, Sam Naples 2-0-4, Audrey Tice 1-1-4, Izzy Leggett 1-1-3, Olivia Dahn 1-0-3, Abbey Stanford 2-2-6, Nadia Reimer 7-0-17, Zoey Rubins 3-0-7, Emily Ronalter 3-1-7, Sarah Lindquist 0-1-1, Kelsea Tefoe 1-1-3, Alexis Tierpack 2-0-4. Totals 29-9-75.
KENNEDY (0-2): Meryoh Caraballo 5-5-15, Lydia Vergara 0-0-0, Mya Caraballo 0-1-1, Niyah Brown 3-12-20, Kamaria Aelbo 0-4-4, Maddie Kieras 3-1-8. Totals 11-23-48.
SP; 22; 19; 15; 19; —; 75
K; 11; 18; 12; 7; —; 48
Note: Riemer had 6assists, Rubins and Leggett each had 5assists and Tierpack had 8rebounds.
Others
WINDSOR LOCKS 36, THOMASTON 34
THOMASTON (2-1): Emma Sanson 3-2-8, Aurelia Barker 1-0-2, Nicole Decker 5-0-11, Ava Harkness 4-1-9, Kylie Decker 2-0-4, Kiera Gainer 0-0-0. Totals 15-3-34.
WINDSOR LOCKS (2-0): Alana Picard 1-3-5, Angelina Jones 3-0-6, Carly MacDougald 2-1-5, Tristin Oberg 7-2-16, Jasmine Jurdle 0-0-0, Julia Dufresne 0-0-0, Destiny Anderson 1-0-2, Maeve McGinnis 1-0-2. Totals 15-6-36.
T; 10; 9; 6; 9; —; 34
WL; 4; 9; 10; 13; —; 36
Note: Picard was fouled with 0.5seconds on the clock and hit both free throws to give Windsor Locks the win. Overg had 22 rebounds, 3blocks and MacDougald had 7rebounds.
SIMSBURY 57, CANTON 24
CANTON (0-3): Sam Yanke 0-4-4, Jenna Cuniowski 1-8-11, Ashlyn Cebollero 1-0-2, Avery Miller 0-1-1, Avery Brown 2-2-6. Totals 4-15-24.
SIMSBURY (3-0): Lauren Sabia 7-0-17, Moira Hughes 1-0-3, Katie Perlitz 1-2-4, Olivia Jarvis 2-0-4, Alex Peterson 0-0-0, Faye Kaplinski 3-1-7, Amanda Gallagher 5-0-13, Elle Koff 1-0-2, Sarah Perlitz 1-0-3, Amelia Rogers 2-0-4. Totals 23-3-57.
C; 9; 5; 2; 8; —; 24
S; 19; 16; 6; 16; —; 57

SATURDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BOYS BASKETBALL

CCC-Inter
BRISTOL CENTRAL 55, SOUTHINGTON 28
NCCC
ROCKVILLE 55, ELLINGTON 47
ROCKVILLE (1-1): Juneil Powell 0-3-3, Weston LaBrecque 5-2-15, Jayden Tate 2-0-5, Dylan Resendes 8-4-24, John Ryan 3-1-8. Totals 20-10-55.
ELLINGTON (0-2): Mike Bontempo 5-3-14, Darren Zahner 1-1-3, Eric Thibert 3-1-8, Louis Gosselin 1-2-5, Elijah Miller 1-0-2, Cody Murphy 6-0-15. Totals 16-7-47.
R; 7; 13; 18; 17; —; 55
E; 8; 11; 12; 16; —; 47
GRANBY 58, SUFFIELD 39
Shoreline
VALLEY REGIONAL 63, HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 33
HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH (0-1): Joe Giaconne 1-0-2, DeClan Christopher 0-1-1, Adam Alonzo 2-0-5, Ryan Erskine 1-0-3, Lucas Kamoen 3-0-6, Andrew Crayton 1-3-6, Collen Powers 3-4-10. Totals 13-8-33.
VALLEY REGIONAL (2-0): Zach Kirla 1-0-2, Di'Angelo Jean-Pierre 4-0-9, Simon Partyka 4-0-10, Andrew Yermenson 2-0-5, Owen Kelly 2-2-6, Jack Driscoll 1-0-2, Sam Hutchinson 2-2-6, James Marsden 7-2-17, Brayden Shea 2-0-4, Max Nickel 1-0-2. Totals 26-5-63.
HK; 2; 10; 8; 13; —; 33
VR; 22; 15; 11; 23; —; 63
Note: Partyka had 6assists, 5steals, 3 rebounds and Marsden had 5rebounds, 3 blocks, 2steals.
ECC
BACON ACADEMY 68, WOODSTOCK ACADEMY 66
WOODSTOCK ACADEMY (0-2): Carter Morissette 1-0-2, Hamilton Barnes 5-2-12, Jackson Goetz 7-3-19, Brandon Nagle 2-0-4, Ethan Davis 5-4-15, James D'Alleva-Bochain 3-3-9, Parker Anderson 2-0-5. Totals 25-12-66.
BACON ACADEMY (2-0): Nate Harasimowitz 3-3-9, Ryan Claffey 0-3-3, Luke Grimord 3-6-14, Elijah Black 6-6-21, Quinn Johnson 5-2-13, Keegan Appleby 2-2-7, Kyle Brogdon 0-1-1. Totals 19-23-68.
WA; 8; 18; 15; 25; —; 66
BA; 17; 8; 22; 21; —; 68
Note: Harasimowitz had 6steals.
STONINGTON 77, WINDHAM 40
Others
WINDHAM TECH 74, PUTNAM 52
WINDHAM TECH (2-0): Dezmen Gaston 5-0-13, Alex Johnson 4-0-11, Trey Lindsey 2-1-5, Brody Belanger 3-4-13, Dylan Desautels 2-0-4, Danny Meikle 4-2-10, Joey Johnson 7-1-18. Totals 27-8-74.
PUTNAM (1-1): Alonzo Henries 5-7-19, Jack Rindge 3-0-8, Cooper Livingston 2-0-5, Jacob Mailoux 3-5-11, Nicholas Renshaw 1-0-3, Karson Bates 0-2-2, Tyshawn Harper 2-0-4. Totals 16-14-52.
WT; 28; 11; 16; 19; —; 74
P; 16; 9; 12; 15; —; 52
CANTON 64, LYMAN MEMORIAL 20
LYMAN MEMORIAL (0-1): Justin Thoutte 0-2-2, Bennett Murphy 1-1-3, Jordan Chandler 3-2-9, Owen Christenson 1-0-2, Romeo Millburg 1-0-2, Kevin Bottiello 1-0-2. Totals 7-5-20.
CANTON (1-0): Khalil Thomas 3-0-6, Brandon Powell 6-1-13, Matthew Beneded-itt 1-0-2, Isaiah Reece 5-2-12, Connor Madeau 4-0-11, Taylor Kim 1-0-2, Luke Maher 4-1-11, Jake Sidloski 3-0-7. Totals 27-4-64.
LM; 6; 5; 4; 5; —; 20
C; 17; 10; 26; 11; —; 64
CROMWELL 69, ROCKY HILL 19
ROCKY HILL (0-2): Jayden Osei-Tutu 0-2-2, Casey Robinson 0-3-3, Danny Lin 0-3-3, Tyler Carlstrom 1-0-3, Jake Polites 1-0-3, Luke Castanho 1-0-3, Evan Sikorski 1-0-2. Totals 4-8-19.
CROMWELL (1-0): Gianluca Albert 5-1-15, Louis Friend 3-0-6, Victor Payne 2-2-7, JJ Fehan 5-2-12, Logan Mure 2-0-6, Jake Salafia 2-0-5, Jack Corona 1-0-2, Tyler Danielle 4-1-9, Jovan Marrero 1-1-3, Sam Stergos 2-2-6. Totals 19-8-69.
BLOOMFIELD 82, WEAVER 46
PRINCE TECH 69, CAPITAL PREP 66
SOMERS 56, WAMOGO 55
PLATT 82, CHESHIRE 48
HAND 47, GREENWICH 44
HALE-RAY 58, WHEELER 41

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Shoreline
VALLEY REGIONAL 54, HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 37
VALLEY REGIONAL (2-0): Ava Cunningham 5-0-10, Abby Bradbury 6-0-14, Liz Allen 1-1-3, Olivia Cunningham 3-1-7, Lily Grow 5-4-14, Siena Schaller 2-1-5, Regan Grow 0-2-2. Totals 21-9-54.
HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH (0-2): Cheyenne LaTouche 4-3-11, Julia Favalora 3-2-9, Kaleigh Bodak 1-1-3, Audra Yazmer 1-0-2, Keira Czarkowski 2-0-4, Margaret Robinson 1-0-3, Ava Ramino 0-1-1, Carly Rettberg 1-2-4. Totals 13-9-37.
VR; 14; 13; 10; 17; —; 54
HK; 7; 8; 9; 13; —; 37
ECC
BACON ACADEMY 53, KILLINGLY 42
BACON ACADEMY (3-0): Ashley Lizotte 3-1-7, Ariel Nair 0-1-1, Valerie Luizzi 4-4-13, Marissa Nudd 5-4-15, Cara Shea 3-3-9, Emma Mancuso 3-2-8. Totals 18-15-53.
KILLINGLY (1-2): Laura Farquhar 3-0-7, Ella Lach 3-1-7, Emma Carpenter 3-3-10, Hannah Grudzein 5-4-14, Sophia Moore 1-0-2, Aila Gutierrez 1-0-2. Totals 16-8-42.
BA; 11; 14; 19; 9; —; 53
K; 15; 7; 11; 9; —; 42
Note: Shea had 10rebounds, 4assists, 4 steals and Nudd had 7rebounds.
Others
WINDSOR LOCKS 37, POPE FRANCIS (MASS.) 27
WINDSOR LOCKS (3-0): Alana Picard 1-0-2, Angelina Jones 3-1-7, Carly MacDougald 2-0-5, Tristin Oberg 7-2-16, Jasmine Hurdle 1-0-3, Maeve McGinnis 1-2-4. Totals 14-5-37.
POPE FRANCIS (MASS.) (1-2): Isabella Meadows 5-2-12, Makenna Sims 1-0-3, Audrey Mason 3-1-8, Tracetta Caudle 1-0-2, Ava Albano 0-2-2. Totals 10-5-27.
WL; 9; 7; 14; 8; —; 37
PF; 2; 8; 3; 13; —; 27
Note: Jones had 11rebounds, 5steals, 4 assists.
EAST HAMPTON 62, LYMAN MEMORIAL 13
LYMAN MEMORIAL (0-2): Kasey Cook 0-1-1, Kelsey Dunnock 0-1-1, Kassidy LaTour 3-0-7, Taylor Pankowski 1-0-2, Kenny Lopze 0-2-2. Totals 4-4-13.
EAST HAMPTON (3-0): Amber Murphy 2-0-4, Olivia DeMartino 5-0-11, Liana Salamone 2-7-11, Delaney Russell 2-1-6, Jackie Russell 7-1-20, Jordan Murphy 3-0-6, Katie Ireland 1-0-2, Liz MacDonald 1-0-2. Totals 23-9-62.
LM; 1; 4; 5; 3; —; 13
EH; 20; 14; 11; 17; —; 62
GLASTONBURY 47, DANBURY 40
DANBURY (0-2): Gabby Kufour 1-0-2, Viviana Flores 2-0-5, Sophia Fernaroli 1-2-4, Jolie Osbourne 1-0-2, Cam Froehlich 1-4-7, Chloe Perreault 5-1-12, Tenley Wallin 3-2-8. Totals 14-9-40.
GLASTONBURY (2-1): Sydney Kehl 7-1-15, Kiley Feeney 1-1-3, Alyssa Healey 1-0-2, Skylar Fiske 1-2-4, Gisel Astiasaran 2-4-8, Madison Handrahan 3-2-11, Lily Woodworth 2-0-4. Totals 17-10-47.
FAIRFIELD LUDLOWE 49, CHESHIRE 31

BOYS HOCKEY

CCC-Inter
E.O. SMITH/TOLLAND 5, SOUTH WINDSOR 2
SW; 0; 1; 1; —; 2
EOS; 0; 2; 3; —; 5
Goals: EOS—Quentin Wry (3), Damian Till, Kaleb Van Horn; **SW—**Zachary Morrison, Dylan Hutton. **Saves: EOS—**Dan Polgun, 18; **SW—**Noah Sampson, 13. Rec.: **EOS—**2-0; **SW—**1-2.
SCC/SWC
LYMAN HALL 6, CHESHIRE 5
FAIRFIELD WARDE/LUDLOWE 6, XAVIER 3
Others
NEWINGTON CO-OP 5, EASTERN CT 3
MILFORD CO-OP 3, ENFIELD CO-OP 1
SGWL 9, HOUSATONIC CO-OP 5
TRI-TOWN 5, CONARD 3

GIRLS HOCKEY

CCC
AVON CO-OP 4, CONARD/HALL 3
EAST CATHOLIC CO-OP 3, SUFFIELD CO-OP 2

MONDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

ALL GAMES AT 6:45 P.M. UNLESS NOTED

BOYS BASKETBALL

CCC-**South:** Lewis Mills at Berlin
CCC-**West:** Hall at Simsbury
CCC-**Inter:** East Hartford at Farmington; Newington at Manchester; Enfield at New Britain; Southington at Windsor; Avon at Bristol Eastern; Middletown at Glastonbury; Hartford Public at Northwest Catholic; Maloney at Tolland; Plainville at Bulkeley, 7:15p.m.; Bristol Central at East Catholic, 8p.m.
Shoreline: Coginchaug at Old Saybrook, 7p.m.
CTC: Cheney Tech at Ellis Tech, 6:30p.m.
CRAL: Classical at Aerospace, 5:45p.m.; Innovation at Weaver, 6p.m.; University at Parish Hill, 6p.m.
SCC: Hand at Law, 7p.m.; Xavier at Notre Dame-West Haven, 7p.m.
Others: Whitney Tech at Westbrook, 5:30 p.m.; Portland at Ellington; HMTCA at Conard; South Windsor at East Granby; Canton at Cromwell, 7p.m.; Bolton at Windham Tech, 7p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

CCC-**North:** Windsor at Bloomfield, 5:15 p.m.; New Britain at Hartford Public, 5:30 p.m.; Newington at Wethersfield
CCC-**South:** Lewis Mills at Platt, 5:30p.m.
CCC-**East:** Tolland at Enfield
CCC-**Inter:** Middletown at E.O. Smith; Plainville at Rocky Hill; South Windsor at Southington; Maloney at Avon; RHAM at Bristol Central
NCCC: East Windsor at Stafford, 6p.m.; Somers at Rockville
Shoreline: North Branford at Haddam-Killingworth, 7p.m.; Old Saybrook at Coginchaug, 7p.m.
CTC: Ellis Tech at Cheney Tech, 5:30p.m.
CRAL: Aerospace at Civic Leadership, 4 p.m.; Parish Hill at Capital Prep, 4p.m.; Weaver at Innovation, 6p.m.; Achievement First at Classical, 7p.m.
Others: Windham Tech at Bolton, 6p.m.; Glastonbury at Greenwich, 6p.m.; Windsor Locks at Seymour, 6p.m.; Whitney Tech at Westbrook, 7p.m.

BOYS HOCKEY

SCC/**SWC:** Masuk at Sheehan, 6p.m.
Others: Hand at South Windsor, 3:10p.m.; Simsbury at New Canaan, 6p.m.; Westhill/Stamford at Hall, 7:20p.m.

WRESTLING

CCC-**West:** Simsbury at Hall, 6p.m.

GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

SCC: SCC Girls Developmental 1(Floyd Little AC, New Haven), 5p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

SCC: Hand at Lyman Hall/Coginchaug, 5p.m.

SATURDAY'S COLLEGE RESULTS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

PROVIDENCE 57, UCONN 53
CENTRAL 75, HARTFORD 65

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

QUINNIPIAC 64, RIDER 60
LA SALLE 72, SACRED HEART 44
FAIRFIELD 57, MARIST 52

SUNDAY'S COLLEGE SCHEDULE

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Sacred Heart at UMass Lowell, 1p.m.
Fairfield at UMass, 1p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Basketball HoF Women's Showcase (Mohegan Sun)
Baylor vs. Michigan, 1p.m.
Louisville vs. UConn, 3:30p.m.
Big East basketball standings
MEN'S
Team; CONF; CPCT; OVR; PCT
Providence; 0-0; .000; 10-1; .909
Seton Hall; 0-0; .000; 9-1; .900
Xavier; 0-0; .000; 9-1; .900
DePaul; 0-0; .000; 8-1; .889
UConn; 0-0; .000; 9-2; .818
Creighton; 0-0; .000; 8-2; .800
St. John's; 0-0; .000; 8-2; .800
Marquette; 0-0; .000; 8-3; .727
Butler; 0-0; .000; 7-3; .700
Villanova; 0-0; .000; 7-3; .700
Georgetown; 0-0; .000; 5-4; .556

FRIDAY'S LATE RESULT

CREIGHTON 79, VILLANOVA 59

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

PROVIDENCE 57, UCONN 53
PURDUE 77, BUTLER 48
PITTSBURGH 59, ST. JOHN'S 57
TCU 80, GEORGETOWN 73
XAVIER 80, MARQUETTE 71

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Xavier at Villanova, 7p.m.
UConn at Marquette, 9p.m.
WOMEN'S
Team; CONF; CPCT; OVR; PCT
DePaul; 2-0; 1.000; 9-2; .818
Creighton; 2-0; 1.000; 6-2; .750
Marquette; 2-0; 1.000; 6-2; .750
UConn; 1-0; 1.000; 6-2; .750
St. John's; 1-0; 1.000; 5-5; .500
Georgetown; 1-1; .500; 6-4; .600
Providence; 1-1; .500; 6-5; .545
Villanova; 0-2; .000; 5-5; .500
Seton Hall; 0-2; .000; 4-5; .444
Xavier; 0-2; .000; 4-6; .400
Butler; 0-2; .000; 0-10; .000

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

Marquette at Seton Hall, noon
DePaul at St. John's, 1p.m.
Creighton at Providence, 1p.m.
Southeast Missouri at Xavier, 2p.m.
Basketball HoF Women's Showcase (Uncasville)
UConn vs. Louisville, 3:30p.m.

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A blackout shade in a room designed by Sean Anderson effectively blocks sunlight for sleeping. **HARIS KENJAR**

LIVEN UP YOUR GUEST ROOM

Offer friends and relatives a cozy place to recharge and rest easy

By Tim Mckeough | The New York Times

When suitcase-toting friends and relatives arrive on your doorstep during the holidays, or at any other time of year, it's good to have a welcoming place to put them, somewhat removed from the fray of everyday life.

"Traveling can be a stressful experience, so it's nice to offer your guests a place to relax and recharge," said Sean Anderson, an interior designer based in Memphis.

"It's about being mindful of who your guests are and how they live, so they're calm and at peace when they're staying in your home."

That's where a well-designed guest room — if you're fortunate enough to have the space — can make a big difference.

Because guest rooms are used less frequently than other rooms, they can end up being a dumping ground for unwanted furniture or storage boxes. But when you're expecting visitors, it's time to clear out the clutter and add a few thoughtful touches.

As Anderson said, "It's the details that really do make the difference."

For help creating a guest room that visitors will never want to leave (be careful: it's a blessing and a curse), we asked interior designers for advice.

Make a statement or stick with neutrals

There are two schools of thought when it comes to designing a guest room. Because it's a room that typically doesn't get a lot of use, some designers recommend going all out with color and pattern, to make a big statement — similar to the way they treat powder room.

> ***"It's the details that really do make the difference."***
>
> *— Sean Anderson, an interior designer based in Memphis*

"For me, a guest bedroom is a place to have a little fun and maybe do something a bit unexpected," said Heidi Caillier, a designer based in Seattle. "I find people are more open to a wallpaper or print, and making them interesting," she added, "versus a primary bedroom, where they want it more relaxing."

In a bedroom in one Connecticut house she designed, Caillier covered the walls in Fruit wallpaper from Morris & Co., which has a lively pattern of leaves, flowers, pomegranates, peaches and citrus fruit.

Other designers prefer to keep things simple. "I want it to have personality and style that ties into the aesthetic of the rest of the home, but not be so extreme or specific that some people love it and some people hate it," said Mel Bean, a designer in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Bean suggested choosing colors and patterns that are likely to be universally appealing. "It should be a place everyone would want to sleep in," she said. "That

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Creative ways to use the color white at home

By Cathy Hobbs
Tribune News Service

How do you incorporate white into your home? Can you mix different shades of white in the same space?

While to some the color white may seem boring or bland, white can be used creatively and purposefully in a number of ways to make a big impact.

From allowing the eye to visually rest to being used to help create a sense of contrast, here are some do's and don'ts of using the color white.

Do's

- Do consider using a monochromatic color scheme using tints, tones and shades of white.
- Do incorporate pops of white through accessories and accents.
- Do consider white for anchoring elements such as rugs, sofas and artwork.
- Do consider white for architectural features such as cabinetry and countertops.
- Do pair white with darker colors to add a sense of contrast.

Don'ts

- Don't pair bright white and warm white in the same space. Bright whites tend to have bluer tones while warm whites have yellower ones.
- Don't place white elements in situations in which they may get overly soiled.
- Don't blend too many different shades of white in the same space.
- Don't be afraid to pair white with deep bold colors such as black, brown and indigo for a sense of contrast.
- Don't overlook opportunities to use white as a way to bring negative space into a room, which can allow the eye to visually breathe.

Primary white including warm white helps to make this living space feel warm and cozy. **HANDOUT/TNS**

REAL ESTATE MATTERS

Appraising a home is more art than science

By Ilyce Glink and Samuel J. Tamkin
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When it comes to financing or refinancing, an appraisal is an opinion about the value of a piece of real estate. **DREAMSTIME**

Q: We live in a west coast Florida beach town. We applied for a cash-out refinance in June so we could consolidate our finances and pay off our mortgage on a long-held home in the north.

We were shocked, as was the lender, when the appraisal came in much lower than expected ($575,000). The problem seems to be there are no appropriate "comps" since the town is very small, and properties are extremely diverse.

Our home is a 5-year-old "Key West"-style small, 1,320-square-foot ranch. It was custom-built above the floodplain, higher than the required hurricane standard, with tied-down roof trusses. It is a net-zero home, with solar, pneumatic elevator and super insulation. Our electric bills are virtually nothing, and are rarely above transmission and taxes.

Despite all these amenities, the property comps were a 96-year-old wood frame home, constructed at ground level with additions, a teardown and a house that's a good comp now because the new owners rebuilt it, but those improvements don't show on the appraisal. I contested the appraisal, to no avail.

Recently, two homes that are similar to ours sold, both for around $750,000. We reapplied for our cash-out refi and as soon as the new appraisal was ordered, we were asked to pay $150 more than a normal appraisal due to the "large home and difficulty of the coastal town appraisals." So, our appraisal cost us another $550.

I say all this because we really feel the independent licensed appraisers here are taking full advantage of their third-party status. Is there anything we can do besides coddling them? Their independence just seems to have fueled their ability to screw the homeowner.

A: We understand your frustration. Sometimes appraisers have a hard time with loan refinances. We have a friend who was thinking of listing his home for sale and thought it would be a good idea to hire an appraiser.

To their surprise, the appraisal came in about $100,000 less than they expected. They talked to the appraiser. He told them he had found quite a number of comparables in the area ranging from $700,000 to $900,000. Given the range, he split it down the middle and gave them an appraisal of $800,000.

A week or so later, they interviewed real estate agents who all thought the property was worth $850,000-$900,000. They listed the home for just over $900,000 and sold it for $850,000. The appraiser wasn't necessarily wrong, but appraising a home is more art than science.

We asked our friend, Jonathan Miller, CEO of Miller Samuel, a commercial appraisal company based in New York, and author of the "Housing Notes" blog, to weigh in.

"I believe the reader misunderstands the role the appraiser plays in the mortgage process, and this is a public trust problem for the industry and largely the fault of The Appraisal Foundation, that sets appraisal standards and qualifications," Miller explained.

In 2009, as the Great Recession was underway and home values were crashing, the Home Valuation Code of Conduct (HVCC) was created as a solution to a lawsuit between New York state and Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (which underwrite the vast majority of home mortgages).

The concern was lenders were picking appraisers who were providing appraisals that were high enough to seal the deal, rather than true independent assessments of value. Because buyers weren't being given an independent analysis of how much a home was worth, they were being hurt even as lenders were getting deals done.

A year later, Miller explained, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act was passed, sunsetting HVCC, but setting up a system where lenders don't have direct control over the appraisers. Instead, they hire a third-party institutional middle company (known as an appraisal management company, or AMC) and the company hires the appraiser.

"Those AMCs take a large part of the borrower's application fee from the appraiser, in many cases 50-70% of it, so what kind of experienced appraiser will that compensation attract?" Miller asks.

This has caused different issues because the middle companies are now incentivized to keep appraisal costs as low as possible, so sometimes appraisers are brought in from far away, who don't know the local housing stock and have little experience.

"The value the appraiser is providing is a professional value opinion, which is not a fact," Miller said. "I have no idea whether this reader had an experienced appraiser in the local market or just the low bidder who could do this report quickly. I suspect the latter based on what the reader has presented."

"Since the financial crisis, the banking industry has overemphasized low cost and fast turn times and showed a limited concern about quality," he explained. In addition, the appraisal industry is suffering from the same employment issues as other industries. Miller says appraisers continue to skew older as fewer young people enter the profession because of what he calls "nearly impossible economics."

When it comes to financing or refinancing real estate, an appraisal is an opinion. Most borrowers don't realize the appraiser is not working for them, only the lender.

That's why Miller believes the reader's frustration is misdirected.

In short, if you have a problem paying an extra fee for your second appraisal, you should blame the bank, not the appraiser.

Or, perhaps the AMC, which suddenly decided to charge more once you asked about a higher valuation.

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A variety of light sources in a room can improve the atmosphere. **DREAMSTIME**

HOME REMEDIES

5 tips to help brighten up the lighting in your home

By Paul F. P. Pogue
Ask Angi

Whether you live in a temperate zone, or the sun sets at 4 p.m. come winter, your home's indoor lighting plays a vital role in your daily comfort and happiness. Here are some tips for lighting your interior for bright, cheery season year-round.

1. Add diverse lighting

The classic solution! Placing two different light sources in a room adds variation and creates a more pleasant ambiance. One primary overhead light will do the trick, though some homeowners find it to be monotonous, and it sometimes overilluminates a space. A good fix? Layering lights. Floor and table lamps are excellent ways to add lighting to a room and enhance your favorite activity, whether it's gaming or reading.

2. Consider your window treatments

Your choice of curtains or window treatments plays a significant role in your home's feel, even when they're wide open. Sheer, light-colored curtains can let in more light, block glare and give an airy atmosphere to the room.

On the flip side, heavy light-blocking shades will block out nearly all natural light. But even open curtains can curtail your room's light. If you want blackout options for sleeping, consider shades that you can push all the way up.

3. Install a mirror

Sometimes the best lighting tricks don't even involve lights. For example, adding a mirror to a room will open it up and reflect more light. If you position it across from another mirror, it creates the effect of another window in the room. Hanging one next to an existing light source will kick your room's light up another notch. Just take care not to place it directly across from a light fixture. Doing so may bounce light around, and your room can feel more like a carnival fun house — and not in a good way.

4. Wash your windows

You might be surprised at how much even light seasonal grime will dull your windows and block incoming sunlight. If you wash your windows thoroughly inside and out, you'll get a boost to sunlight right away. If your house is taller than one story, or your windows are particularly dirty, consider hiring a pro whose expertise can do the job safely and effectively.

5. Add a coat of paint

Paint a room with warm colors like yellow, orange, red or white. Avoid bright white walls, which could look dull without natural light. Think about your finishes, too. Satin tends to be best to brighten up a room. Glossy surfaces can cause too much glare, while a matte finish can seem flat and dull.

TREASURES

First edition of rare book by Manly P. Hall a valuable find

By Helaine Fendelman and Joe Rosson
Tribune News Service

Q: Do you know anything about this book?

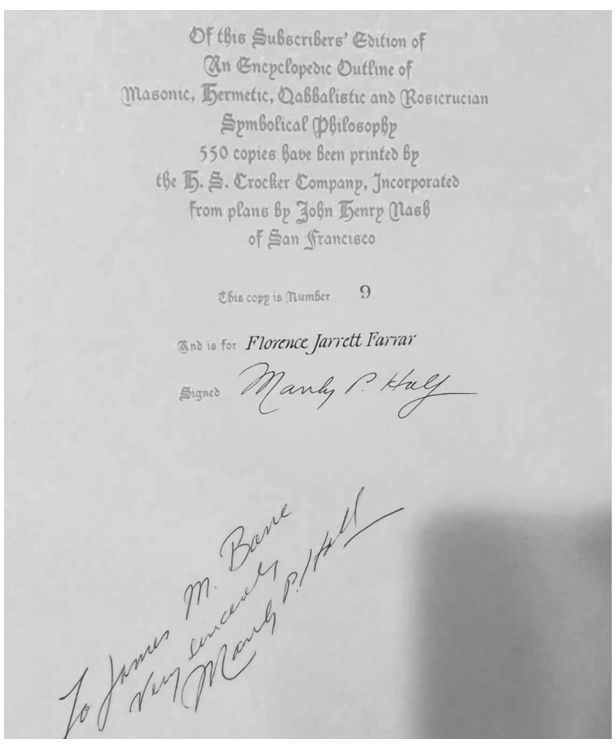
A: Yes, we know quite a lot about this book. But it would have helped if we had more information from the owner. As it stands, we are going to have to make do with what we can glean from the photographs.

First of all, the title of the tome appears to be "An Encyclopedic Outline of Masonic, Hermetic, Qabbalistic and Rosicrucian Symbolical Philosophy" by Manly P. Hall. It was first published in 1928 by H.S. Crocker, of San Francisco.

Manly Palmer Hall was born in Peterborough, Ontario, in 1901 and was a distinguished scholar, philosopher, author, lecturer, astrologer and mystic. In 1934, he founded the Philosophical Research Society in Los Angeles, which is still in existence.

According to the photograph of the title page sent by the reader, the copy in today's question is from the "Subscriber's Edition," which was the first edition and limited to just 550 signed copies. The information we could find was unsubstantiated, but we have found reference to examples from this particular edition having been bought a year before the manuscript was turned over to the publisher, and the cost for each copy was originally $75 ($15 on signing up, and $60 thereafter in four easy installments). After publication the price was $100.

This is copy No. 9 of the 550, and Hall signed it twice — once as the author signing a limited edition and again in a dedication to the buyer, which may read "To M. Bane Very Sincerely Manly P. Hall." After the Subscription Edition, there was the King Solomon Edition (550 copies), the Theosophical Edition, (200 copies), the Rosicrucian Edition (100 copies) and the fifth edition (800 copies).



This beautifully illustrated book is hard to find, and the first edition is very desirable. **HANDOUT/TNS**

The book, which was designed by John Henry Nash, a printer to the Vatican, should be in elephant folio size (approximately 12.5 by 19 inches), and the paper should have an "Alexandra Japan Made in USA" watermark. There appears to be an information sheet from a bookseller whose name was only partially shown, but we believe it came from Acorn Books, a bookstore founded in San Francisco in 1980 but closed in the recent past.

The sheet tends to verify this is the first edition of Hall's most important book, but the volume in today's question does have some problems. We do not know if it has its original slipcase. And there is damage to the spine in the form of chipping to the title plate. However, this is a common problem with the book. We have found the book retailed for as little as $1,500 and as much as $4,500 and feel that an in-person examination would be necessary before a firm price can be established for the rather rare book.

Helaine Fendelman and Joe Rosson have written a number of books on antiques. Do you have an item you'd like to know more about? Contact them at Joe Rosson, 2504 Seymour Ave., Knoxville, TN 37917, or email them at treasures@knology.net. If you'd like your question to be considered for their column, include a high-resolution photo of the subject, which must be in focus, with your inquiry.

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK: 43 Far Hills Drive, Avon

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Property of the Week

Avon Mountain Home is Ideal for Living, Working and Playing

By Karen A. Avitabile

An elegantly-designed 11-room home is located in one of the most desirable Avon neighborhoods, atop Avon Mountain. Overlooking amazing views of Farmington Valley below, this home, which sits on more than two acres at 43 Far Hills Drive, is listed at $1.39 million.

The home's real estate agent, Ellen Sebastian, says the property offers what buyers are shopping for today -- multi-generational living, office space and lots of room for spreading out and entertaining. "It's a good value for the money," she says. "There is plenty of space for living, working and playing."

Set back from the road on a private and wooded lot, this home exudes a classic New England-style feel with a pairing of wood, stone, arches and pillars on the exterior. The owners, who custom built the home in 2001, have enjoyed the lot's western sunset views and the family-friendly neighborhood, among a dozen of other things.

"It's a great area for walking. There are lots of trails," Sebastian says. "It's so peaceful and woodsy up here."

The home's exquisite details and craftsmanship are evident everywhere in the nearly 8,500-square-foot home which features five bedrooms and seven bathrooms. Each room is embellished by expansive millwork, wainscoting, crown molding, chair rails, two propane fireplaces, arched doorways, inlay wood floors, two staircases, recessed lighting, high ceilings, three levels of living space and lower and upper primary suites. In 2002, the Home Builders Association of Connecticut Inc. bestowed the home with a HOBI Award in the category of "Best Custom Home" between 7,000 to 8,000 square feet in Hartford County.

Walk up the stylish front paver walkway to the portico supported by two columns on each side. Enter the solid-wood front door and take in the grand double-story foyer. The spacious living areas have an easy flow and are perfect for entertaining large crowds or hosting intimate gatherings.

The bright high-end kitchen is a chef's delight with a gas cooktop, a subzero refrigerator, a wine chiller, an island for storage and seating, granite countertops, a tile backsplash, a hidden range hood, double ovens, two sinks and a built-in workspace alcove with upper and lower cabinets. The breakfast nook, located in a circular space, is completely surrounded by oversize windows to look out onto the wooded backyard. The dining room is massive and is set off by a wood inlay floor.

Cozy up next to the gorgeous stone fireplace in the family room, the heart of the home, with cherry wood built-in shelves and cabinets, a media center, a full wall of windows decorated with plantation shutters and two doors to access the recently rebuilt deck. The den or office is the ultimate work space. Double French doors add privacy to the room. The main living room is spacious and adorned by its own fireplace with a mantelpiece.

Enter the first floor's primary en suite through double doors. The space, which could double as a guest bedroom or an au pair suite, has a separate seating section and two changing area. The bathroom has one wall of granite countertops, a soaking tub, a seamless shower and a water closet.

Also on the main level is a mudroom off both the garage and a separate side entrance, a laundry room with cupboards and a sink, a back staircase and two powder rooms.

At the top of the stairs is the second primary suite with a walk-in closet and a separate area with a built-in desk for additional work space. The attached bathroom has double sinks, a jetted tub and a seamless shower.

On this level, the three additional bedrooms with attached bathrooms are equally spacious and provide additional work spaces too. At the end of the hallway, step down into the bonus room which could easily be subdivided and used in a variety of ways -- as a game room, a craft space, a music room, a media room, a gym or as another office.

The 1,050-square-foot walkout lower level is finished for recreation and presents a dedicated home gym. A door from the space conveniently exits onto the bluestone terrace. If desired, additional framed space adjacent to the recreation area is ready to be completed.

The home offers public sewer and a private well. It is heated by oil, cooled by central air and is energy efficient with thermopane windows and five heating/cooling zones. A sound system is located throughout. There is also a central vacuum system and a security system.

The professionally maintained grounds, which are large enough for construction of a built-in pool, are aided by an irrigation system. The circular driveway from the road is private and paved and leads to a four-bay garage tucked away on one side of the home.

Homes on Far Hills Drive are all architecturally diverse and situated on a minimum of two acres.

The road, conveniently located on the east side of town, provides easy access to UConn Health, Bradley International Airport, West Hartford center, shopping, restaurants, golf and cultural events. All homeowners are assessed an annual $500 association fee for maintenance of a common grassy area at the bottom of the road.

Far Hills Drive is within walking distance to Alsop Meadows, in northeast Avon near Alsop Corner, along the east side of the Farmington River. There is an abundance of things to do here including community gardening, fishing, hiking and canoeing.

"Avon is super desirable town," the agent says. "It's a great area to invest in and live in."

With interest rates hovering around 3 percent, now is a great time to buy a home, Sebastian says. And if you are considering selling, the current inventory in the area is low, she adds. Therefore, she advises sellers not to delay listing. "It's a seller's market," Sebastian says.

Private showings of the home are underway. For property details, photos, floor plans, a 3D tour and a video, which includes views from a drone, visit ellensebastian.com or thesebastiangroup.com.

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PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

43 Far Hills Drive, Avon

Built: 2001

Price: $1,395,000

Style: Colonial

Rooms: 11

Bedrooms: 5

Baths: 5 full, 2 half

Square footage: 8,451 (includes finished lower level)

Acreage: 2.14

Mill rate: 34.21

Best feature: Located in a cul-de-sac neighborhood on one of Avon's most desirable streets

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PORTLAND

Spacious sun filled colonial with hardwood floors, nestled in a wonderful cul-de-sac in Portland! Stretching over 1,855 square feet and features 4 bedrooms, and 3 bathrooms with upgrades that bring you a sense of ease. Hardwood floors from room to room starting with the generous family room crowned with a brick fireplace, a pellet stove insert and flanked with custom built-ins & windows. $405,000, 27 Grace Lane, Portland. Lisa Fagan, 860.810.2325, lfagan@williampitt.com.

FARMINGTON

Exquisite contemporary smart home in a premier Farmington location with elevated winter views and an in-Ground Pool. Stylish Addition-remodeled to expand living space, open floor plan & elevate ceilings. Home beautifully situated on 1 Acre landscaped lot boasting expansive outdoor living space and a private backyard oasis with pool. Welcoming Foyer enhanced with a stone wall leads to a generous sun-filled open floor plan with Kitchen open to Living Room. $750,000, 41 Forest Hills Drive, Farmington. Diane Barry Team 860.614.1569, dbarry@williampitt.com.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

ANDOVER

N/A, Busque, Lorraine to Connecticut Meditation, 11/4, $37,400

131 Route 6, Busque, Lorraine to Connecticut Meditation, 11/4, $160,600

421 Lake Rd, Stratton, Gordon and Stratton, Linda to Garrott, Cameron, 11/8, $353,000

560 Route 6, Dalos&Stern LLC to Gomez, Chike, 11/24, $306,000

ANSONIA

1 Sobin Dr, Kent, Elizabeth to Hauser, Nancy J, 11/24, $375,000

10 Shortell Dr, Flaherty, William F and Flaherty, Linda M to Soto, Nancy, 11/24, $449,000

11 Jason Wright Dr, Myzithras, Peter to Gomes, Julia and Arias, Diego, 11/23, $360,000

19 Elizabeth St, Ginnow, David and Ginnow, Jessica to Ramirez, Janet and Pinero, Frank, 11/29, $345,000

94 Hubbell Ave, Petruccelli, Samuel and Jackowski, Jessi to Hwang-Phill, Tiffany, 11/29, $245,000

94 Jewett St, Malachi Properties LLC to Blackwell, Monique, 11/29, $349,900

ASHFORD

9 View Trl, Fenn, Eric J and Fenn, Laura K to Tedfordd, William P and Tedford, Nicole D, 12/1, $55,000

BARKHAMSTED

School St, Havunen, Richard C and Havunen, Janet E to Kupiec, Daniel F and Kupiec, Marianne A, 11/23, $400,000

23 South Rd, Madler, Paul S and Madler, Barbara J to Persichilli, Brandon, 11/17, $290,000

29 Old County Rd, Daneault, W David and Daneault, Doreen to Weiss, Robert E, 11/29, $325,000

124 E West Hill Rd, Athorn, Barbara to Wright, Melody M, 11/22, $70,000

BEACON FALLS

15 Bethany Rd, Scheithe, Donald E and Scheithe, Julie C to Yachymczyk, Tyler J and Castelao, Ana R, 12/1, $328,000

38 Briarwood Dr, Lejeune, Richard and Lejeune, Angela to Dileonardo, Christina M, 12/1, $322,000

48 Fieldstone Ln Lot 48, Cronan, John J and Mascolo, Mary A to Altieri, Robert F and Mulrain, Marena A, 12/1, $555,000

56 Cambridge Ct Lot 56, Hoffstadt, Elaine M and Benedetto, Gail M to Graveline, Carl, 11/29, $120,000

BERLIN

N/A, Iannicelli, Jillian L to Balducci Family IRT, 12/1, $237,000

45 Hummingbird Dr, Detlefsen, Douglas W and Detlefsen, Lynn C to Mota, Vicky R and Rosario, Roger F, 11/30, $330,000

68 Ridgewood Ln, Burkarth, Paul P and Burkarth, David P to Gerrish, Jessica L, 11/29, $305,000

92 Church St, Russell, George W to Riedel, Kevin, 12/1, $195,000

135 Hummingbird Dr, Bomba, Gloria B to Williams, Carlos and Williams, Valerie P, 12/1, $280,000

201 Robindale Dr, Funari, Michael E and Funari, Helen M to Leblanc, Matthew, 12/2, $257,000

755 Lower Ln, Zawadzki, Piotr to Swartz, Nicole A, 11/29, $284,000

1167 Worthington Rdg, Bennett, Richard and Bennett, Milagritos C to Veneziano, Lara, 11/30, $310,000

1697 Chamberlain Hwy, Lucia T Scheer RET and Scheer Jr, Edward H to Prentiss Jr, Gregory T and Recinos-Prentiss, Dawne, 11/29, $390,000

BETHANY

36 Francis Dr, Oconnelly, Arlene to Santagata, Marabel, 12/1, $300,000

215 Carrington Rd, Dunn, Howard J to Cuomo Jr, Louis and Cuomo, Ashley, 12/1, $213,500

444 Bethmour Rd, Pace Jr, James R and Pace, Carol A to Sidarweck, Christopher A and Sidarweck, Popi I, 11/30, $450,000

BLOOMFIELD

5 Alexander Rd, Williams, Albert W to Elliott, Stephanie S, 12/1, $245,000

5 Guernsey Rd, Adams, Peter T and Adams, Page G to Geoghegan, Noreen, 12/2, $265,000

5 Hawthorne Ln Lot 5, Bennett, Colton and Reyes-Ayala, Luis F to Denovellis, Phillippia F, 11/29, $175,000

14 Candlewood Dr, Brown, Steven C to Atterbury, Rajiv and Atterbury, Christina, 11/30, $305,000

14 Prospect St, Morah, Joanne to Mais, Kerene T, 11/30, $252,000

15 Schuyler Ln Lot 15, Green, Nancy Z to Naboicheck, Alice L, 11/30, $615,000

18 High Hill Rd, Moran, John J and Johnson, Beth A to Mcdougald, Quentin M and Peta-Gayes, Mcougald S, 11/30, $425,000

24 Tariffville Rd, Kidd Jr, James A to Carroll, John, 11/30, $600,000

35 Alexander Rd, Stephenson, Annes D to Duncan, Marcia, 12/1, $210,000

41 Brookdale Ave, US Bank NA Tr to Garcia, Carlos, 11/30, $110,000

110 W Dudley Town Rd, Equitair Inc to CT Valley Prop 3 LLC, 12/2, $793,500

BOLTON

39 Hebron Rd, Chamberlain, Laurie M to Davis, Shane C, 11/29, $210,000

126 Brandy St, Freund-Bothur, Debra L to Parker, Joshua A and Parker, Taylor, 12/1, $415,000

156 Tamarac Dr, Rachakonda, Vamshi to Leduke 3rd, Edmund M, 11/30, $450,000

BRANFORD

N/A, Yates, Peter D and Yates, Maureen E to Fang, Yuanyuan and Zhao, Runyan, 12/2, $225,000

2 Ballou Rd, Shortt, Marina L and Shortt, Patrick C to Gambardella, Michele J, 11/23, $330,000

5 Cocheco Ave, Johnson, Kenneth G to Fertiguena Jr, Peter and Zampano, Rosemary, 11/24, $405,000

7 Coachman Dr, Malcolm, Douglas G and Malcolm, Kathleen D to Luberda, Margaret M, 11/23, $399,000

7 Cocheco Ave, Johnson, Kenneth G to Fertiguena Jr, Peter and Zampano, Rosemary, 11/24, $405,000

14 Berry Patch Rd, D&Richard Young LP to Cavaliere, Nicholas J and Cavaliere, Janet, 11/30, $397,500

14 Lincoln Ave, Mitchell Carol M Est and Mitchell, Michael A to Rose 3rd, Robert T, 11/29, $221,500

20 Sybil Ave, Whalen, Mary to Azar, Kristine and Chevalier, Daniel, 12/1, $402,500

22 Oak Ridge Rd, Nelson, Gavin A and Nelson, Stephanie A to Davis, Teresa Y, 11/29, $287,900

29 Frank St, Daley, William C and Daley, Jennifer E to Feldman, Matthew N and Montemurro, Alexa, 11/24, $351,500

38 W Village Ct Lot 38, Radzyminski, Magdalena to Conlon, Mark and Mitchell, Tracy, 11/24, $340,000

41 Bradley St, Durant, Bria to Mcgee, Jane M and Ciopryna Jr, Peter, 11/30, $387,000

42 Peddlars Dr Lot 42, Smith, Karl M to Hulk, Thomas W, 11/24, $200,000

47 Griffing Pond Rd, Davis, Susan B to Barber, Bruce T and Barber, Karen J, 12/1, $730,000

55 Indian Neck Ave, Benjamin, John F and Benjamin, Stacy J to Sloan, Jared P and Kinnally, Alicia A, 12/1, $418,000

65 S Main St, 65 S Main LLC to Callahan, Paula and Wood, Thomas, 11/24, $450,000

67 Hampton Park Lot 67, Pienkos-Akins, Jane L and Pienkos-Kostbar, Susan to Hu, Hongxia, 11/30, $200,000

77 Chestnut St, Nicholson, Melissa to Kenley, Mary J and Koloseus, Bryce, 11/24, $256,000

100 Hemlock Rd Lot 8-3, Mellows, Mary to Roper-Glidden, Elaine, 12/2, $245,000

107 Watch Hill Rd Lot 107, Krishnamoorthy, J and Janakiraman, V to Jones, Louise, 12/2, $246,250

121 Florence Rd Lot 2B, Dirubba, Angelo to Medina, Victor C and Mccracken, Lois P, 11/24, $142,000

133 Florence Rd Lot C, Cuartas, Sergio L to Clark, Edmund, 11/30, $162,000

211 E Main St Lot 6, Davis, Teresa to Hartney, Gavin, 11/23, $152,000

402 Monticello Dr Lot 402, Yu, Xiangdong and Cheng, Hong to Mcgowan, Alice and Ncgowan, John R, 11/29, $205,000

BRIDGEPORT

Success Village Cooperati Lot 35B, Michalansky, Imrich to Deoliveira, Wagner, 11/10, $17,000

N/A, Success Vlg Apt Inc to Londono, Ludivia, 11/17, $34,000

1 Fairfield Village Condo Lot 1, Arrieta, Deborah and Pena, Ricardo M to Long, Shawn, 11/10, $265,000

5 Pierce Ave, W J&P E Schwartz FT and Schwartz, Jay A to Picart, Baldinvill G, 11/10, $300,000

15 Evers St, 11-17 Dupont Place LLC to Hanafi, Walid, 11/15, $455,000

20 Tarinelli Cir, Hevenstone Judith Z Est and Goron, Robin to CM Husky Homes LLC, 11/17, $215,000

25 Ellsworth St Lot 21, Schmenk, Heidi J to Townshend, Erica L, 11/16, $125,000

31-37 Dupont Pl, 31-37 Dupont Place LLC to Hanafi, Walid, 11/15, $465,000

38-40 York St, Gonzalez, Luis A and Gonzalez, Maria D to Escobar, Alfredo, 11/9, $400,000

39 Woodmont Ave, Burrell, Dwayne and Moise, Wesnide to Outlaw, Carzeil, 11/10, $315,000

43 Redding Pl, Correa, Mariana D to Tenesaca, Marcel J and Tenesaca-Ramon, Ruben M, 11/17, $400,000

45 Evers Pl, Gordon, Jodian to Garrell, Melisa C, 11/17, $180,000

50 Greenhouse Rd Lot 41A, Fall, Khady N to Khayalu, Teresa, 11/10, $190,000

59 Floral Park, Lowery, Maurice T to Morenberg, Max and Dunn, Heather, 11/17, $498,000

70 Hawthorne St, Iregui, Maria to Contreras, Yeimi, 11/9, $399,000

72-74 Waterman St, Taddeo, Antonio and Reis, Jorge to Saeteros-Romero, Maria G, 11/16, $260,000

73-75 Pixlee Pl, Cassells, John J to Alt, Daniel, 11/15, $290,000

76 Harbor Ave, Zhou, Rongrong and Deutsche Bank Natl T Co to Zhou, Rongrong, 11/10, $472,000

77-79 Pearl Harbor Cir, Alva, Cristian A to Bastidas, Ada, 11/17, $225,000

85 Armitage Dr, Ruscito, Anthony J to Brewster, James and Brewster, Mary A, 11/16, $450,000

99 Russo Ter, Dagostino, Dominic to Design Build LLC, 11/15, $250,000

100 Elmsford Rd, Godoi, Adilson G to Curley, Michayla and Curley, Mike, 11/17, $325,000

100 Lakeside Dr, Torres, Marianela to Polanco-Cruz, Rosario D, 11/12, $310,000

128 Virginia Ave Lot 128, Rowe, Bonnie M to Leung, Sai P, 11/16, $128,000

137-139 Sunshine Cir, Czaplinski, Andre to Casso, Elizabeth, 11/10, $360,000

145-151 Andover St, Bar Bridgeport LLC to Alpha Black Rock LLC, 11/10, $50,000

151 Leonard Dr, Medina, Marvin G and Medina, Maurice F to Ohalloran, Mark, 11/10, $290,000

152-154 Bronx Ave, Hamilton, Sara S to Jeanty, Joseph F and Paulemon-Jeanty, Marie M, 11/9, $465,000

163-169 Hanover St, Aponte, Angel L and Aponte, Judith to Lockram, Rayerik and Garcia, Pablo E, 11/17, $260,000

172 Hanover St, Valentine, Fredesvinda to Hedgerow Properties LLC, 11/17, $148,000

178 Coleman St, Pereira, Leonilde to Caisaguano, Jonathan, 11/9, $360,000

196 Indian Field Rd, Kuzniar, Czeslawa and Szarwacki, Daniel to Chen, Bin and Chen, Yin, 11/17, $356,000

201 Bretton St Lot C7, Lopez, Elsie to Estelai, Jonathan, 11/9, $90,000

210 Stratfield Pl, Hennessey, Colleen M and Hennessey, Michael J to Zimmerman, Gary A and Zimmerman, Maxwell D, 11/17, $310,000

216-218 Lindley St, Dawkins, Carey to Pan, Ziqi, 11/17, $360,000

243 Jefferson St, Hilario, Maria to Guzman, Moyses O, 11/9, $180,000

252 Harlem Ave Lot C6, Harlem Avenue Prop LLC to Mckalla, Damanique, 11/10, $110,000

271 Sailors Ln, Collins, Catherine E and Collins, John R to Semple, Patricia and Tremaine, John, 11/12, $899,500

275 Birmingham St, Bernadel, Julio and Bernadel, Macdala L to Cruz, Angel M and Ocasio, Melanie, 11/10, $315,000

276 Nancy Dr, Marini, Brian J to Boccuzzi Jr, James C and Boccuzzi, Jillian A, 11/10, $320,000

285 Glendale Ave Lot F8, De Almeida, Julio to Rosado, Yesenia, 11/17, $138,000

359 Wood Ave, Torres, Oswaldo and Torres, Virginia to Anziani, Pedro and Molina-Deanziani, Angela J, 11/15, $325,000

365 Madison Ter, Goncalves&Alves Masonry to Callejas, Roberto C and Cornejo-Gonzalez, Gloria M, 11/16, $259,900

383 Wells St, Mendez, Paulne A to Hinds, Carlington and Davy-Hinds, Sherri G, 11/17, $222,525

390 Charles St Lot 119, Mitchell, David and Mitchell, Walter to Gonzalez, David A, 11/17, $155,100

400 Priscilla St, FG New Home Const LLC and Demesquita, Jonas A to Reyes, David, 11/16, $420,000

403 Court D Lot 72, Thach, Rinh to Aponte, Angel L and Aponte, Judith, 11/15, $83,000

439-441 Willow St, Pizarro, Daniel to Garrido, Juan J, 11/12, $322,500

471 Anson St, Vanderheyden, Isabell and US Bank NA to Refuge Temple Chrch God, 11/12, $220,500

474-476 Merritt St, Alves, Steve to Gumbs, Wondesha, 11/10, $340,000

509-515 Gregory St, Arons, Mark D and Fairport Asset Mgmt 2 REO to Fairport Asset Mgmt 2 REO and Arons, Mark D, 11/10, $570,000

535-537 Park St, Hamilton, Clive to Johnson, Andrew, 11/17, $350,000

661 Lindley St, 661 Lindley Street LLC to Lindley Enterprise LLC, 11/15, $700,000

995 Capitol Ave Lot J, Pereira, Josivaldo G to Nelson, Margaret and Nelson, Miriam V, 11/16, $119,000

1030 Pembroke St, Stevenson, Sharlene to Stephenson, Shanon S, 11/17, $220,000

1268 Park Ave, Esther 2&17 LLC to Osemobor, Ehikioya O and Stewartosemobor, K F, 11/12, $265,000

1455 Boston Ave, 1455 B&P LLC to Asif, Aneel and Asif, Usman, 11/15, $460,000

1715 Old Town Rd, Torres, Salvador and Torres, Milagros to Dejesus, Ramon E, 11/17, $310,000

2148 E Main St, Valentino, Charles M to A&M Express Car Car LLP, 11/16, $485,000

2600 Park Ave Lot 6C, Azarm, Andrea W and Warner, Azarm A to Park Royal Of Brgport Cnd, 11/9, $65,000

2625 Park Ave Lot PHB, Prizio, Peter to Kehler, Patricia, 11/10, $169,000

2625 Park Ave Lot 2J, Floch, Martin H to Dougherty, Kelly, 11/17, $161,450

2955 Madison Ave Lot 13, Schuttebell, Ashley J and Schuttebell, Kyle to Moore, Tracey, 11/15, $193,200

BRIDGEWATER

48 Keeler Rd, Mulberry, Catherine M to Toledo, Margaret C and Toledo, Gary D, 11/30, $652,501

161 Wewaka Brook Rd, Crowhurst, Timothy J and Crowhurst, Cecelia N to Simpson, Shannon and Simpson, Aaron, 11/30, $1,850,000

BRISTOL

Field Rock Rd Lot 111, Industrial Builders&Rlty to Torres, John N and Torres, Angela M, 12/3, $100,000

2 Garfield Rd, Sciarretto, Donald A and Dillon, Diane L to Michaud, Steven M, 12/2, $211,500

9 Predem Rd, Leclair, Barbara J to Middleton, Janet H, 11/30, $190,000

9-13 Nicholas Dr, Wislocki, Laura to Malgorzata-Milczarek, E and Milczarek, Waldemar, 11/30, $359,000

10 Ebert Dr Lot 53, Dibuono, Daniel to Ireland, Kadie A and Ireland, Michael A, 12/3, $150,000

15 Garden St, Levasseur, Guildo L and Levasseur, Marielinda to Corry, Catherine, 12/2, $226,900

18 Topview Ter, Cianci, Ryan P to Thibeault, Melissa, 12/1, $270,000

26 Upson St Lot 2-3, Dutkiewicz, Dean to Duarte, Savanna V, 12/3, $112,000

29 Ward St, Pagnotta, Sally A to Servino-Morel, Leticia, 12/1, $258,000

33 Emory Ct, Manz 3rd, Leonard J to Conner, Richard, 12/1, $250,000

39 Sharon St, Blackler, Kevin M and Blackler, Maureen G to Urena, Ana and Duah, Luisana, 11/30, $179,000

55 Haig Ave, Michalik Bernadette Est and Whitead&Munson Conservatr to Christopher, James, 12/1, $130,000

68 Center St, Cascade Funding Mortgage to Altamirano-Sarmiento, Luis and Altamirano, Lydia, 12/2, $165,000

70 Gillette Way Lot 70, Lemieux Developers LLC to Thummala, Vishal C, 12/1, $280,000

73 Apple Rd, Oneil, Mary E to Moore, Daniel, 12/1, $385,500

73 School St, Boulevard Group LLC to Navaro, Diego, 12/3, $320,000

81 School St, Boulevard Group LLC to Navaro, Diego, 12/3, $320,000

85 Tanglewood Rd, Procko, Richard J and Procko, Tamera L to Foster, Clive B, 12/1, $436,000

93 Pequabuck St, Trademark Acquisitions to Martinez-Solorzano, Luis B and Caprio, David G, 12/1, $360,000

125 West St Lot 13, De Oliveira, Edith and De Oliveira, Ricardo to Delauro, Vincent, 11/30, $80,000

155 Redstone Hill Rd Lot 74, Beveridge, Alicia to Deoliveira, Ricardo A and Deoliveira, Edith, 11/30, $145,000

163 Morningside Dr E, Macieijko, Joyce to Borges, Kathia, 12/3, $230,000

182 Rossi Dr, Damato, Anthony E and Pavalock, Cara C to Cianci, Ryan and Cianci, Shannen, 11/30, $430,000

189 Mountain View Ave, Damboise, Chad and Hale, Megan to Cochran, Dennis A and Chartier, Irene C, 12/3, $200,000

279 Redstone Hill Rd Lot 38, Lagace, Lex J to Chen, Tiangui and Chen, Suming, 12/3, $89,000

317 Woodland St, Janice L Huston RET and Huston, George E to Bonner, Vanessa, 12/1, $205,000

371 Emmett St Lot 78, Mcintyre Sr, Richard to Ahern, Michael A, 12/2, $125,000

424 Emmett St Lot 30, Broderick, Jennifer to Joyner, Alyssa, 12/1, $90,000

424 Lake Ave Lot 7, US Bank NA Tr to Sabani, Jeronim and Sabani, Leontina, 12/2, $170,000

576 King St, Roche, Elizabeth B to Ramos Jr, Angel M, 12/1, $159,900

757 Lake Ave Lot 2, Costa, Daniel and Larkin, Maureen to Kopinja, Michael and Kopinja, Mary L, 12/1, $133,900

BROOKFIELD

1 Sand Cut Rd, Enterprises Of Brookfiels to BJG Sand Cut LLC, 11/29, $2,100,000

3 Granite Dr, Geanuracos, Grace P and Geanuracos, Gegg to Tranquility Investments, 12/2, $790,000

3 Sand Cut Rd, 3 Sand Cut Road Assoc to BJG Sand Cut LLC, 11/29, $25,000

5-A Vale Rd, 5&S Vale Road Associates to BJG Sand Cut LLC, 11/29, $25,000

7 Appleby Farm Rd, Gibney, Jonathna P and Gibney, Janine to Testa, John and Testa, Giuseppe A, 12/2, $849,900

8 Whispering Way, Ruano, Rene to Dipasquale, Angelo and Dipaquale, Maren T, 12/2, $825,000

9 Cawdor Burn Rd, USA HUD to Bhatia, Sorav and Bhatia, Sunny, 12/2, $400,000

12 Belden Hill Rd, Shah, Hiteshi to Stanley Jr, Willia J and Stanley, Coleen A, 12/1, $1,100,000

13 Hanover Ridge Rd, Mcleod, Clinton S and Mcleod, Ashley E to Carpaneto, Jeffrey and Carpaneto, Rachael, 11/29, $345,000

19 Richards Rd, Lopes, Antonio A and Lopes, Emilia P to Debicella, Dianne and Dawson, Ross F, 12/2, $485,000

41 Deer Run Rd, Berman, Alan M and Berman, Debra Z to Froehlich, Marc S, 12/1, $605,000

53 Commerce Rd, SLKB 3 LLC to 53 Commerce Rd LLC, 12/3, $410,000

59 Obtuse Rd S, Comizio, Ronald and Comizio, Lisa to Brisnley, Sarah R, 12/3, $650,000

304 Federal Rd Lot 319, Queenan, Patrick to 304 Federal Road 319 LLC, 12/3, $56,500

BROOKLYN

333 Allen Hill Rd, Holliday, Robert M and Holliday, Ashleigh T to Fallon, Nicole, 11/30, $260,000

BURLINGTON

15 Donna Dr, Manuele, Ernesto M and Manuele, Robin L to Morrell, Craig and Morrell, Nicole, 11/29, $835,000

30 Greer Rd, Dinunzio, Jay R and Dinunzio, Laurie W to Brown, Brett A and Brown, Michelle A, 12/1, $426,000

CANAAN

182 Route 63, Jacobsen, Arthur A to Strattman, Melissa, 12/2, $149,900

CANTON

14 Buttonwood Hill Rd, Heiber, Sergio to Camarillo, Angela M and Camarillo, Daniel, 11/30, $295,000

16 Hanson Rd, Laclair, Burke E and Laclair, Kimberly P to Larosa 3rd, Samuel, 12/1, $460,000

CHESHIRE

15 River View Ct, Remillard, Peter A to Jeon, Sangchoon and Kim, Hyesuk, 12/1, $540,000

266 Lanyon Dr, Lombardo, Douglas R and Lombardo, Laura G to Stratton, Brian and Stratton, Emily, 12/1, $470,000

278 Mount Sanford Rd, Brown, Janet to Curtis, Victoria and Curtis, Neil, 12/1, $795,000

1199 S Main St, Thiel, Alexander C to Premier Specialty Foods, 11/29, $290,000

CLINTON

4 Sunset Ln, Walter Leonard T Est and Cyr, Beverly to Stelma, Andrea P and Stelma, Peter R, 11/29, $375,000

9 Fieldbrook Ave, Fischbein, Jonathan L to Castracane, Nathan C, 11/24, $314,000

20 Jefferson Cir, Glidden, Elaine R to ZF 2021 1 LLC, 11/24, $325,000

60 Beach Park Rd, Barnes, Michael P to Boucher, Angela, 11/24, $415,000

225 E Main St Lot 225, Mckenna, Raymond F and Morrissey, Kelly J to Singh Family RET and Singh, Amandeep, 11/29, $250,000

COLCHESTER

8 Parkside Dr, Thornhill, Larry D to Marotto, Alicia, 12/1, $405,000

44 Fern Dr, Henderson, Daniel and Hein, Emily E to Herwerth, Zachary R and Herwerth, Brian, 11/30, $200,000

83 Oconnell Rd, Farrick, Richard D to Reid, Trevor W and Reid, Reecca J, 11/29, $367,000

155 Mill Hill Rd, Gillespie, Sean and Gillespie, Jessica to Barnett, Mark J, 12/1, $320,000

248 N Pond Way, North Pond Homes LLC to Duchesne, Autumn R and Duchesne, Joseph D, 12/1, $551,800

484 Westchester Rd, Paty, John J and Paty, Donna M to Davitt, Michael P, 11/30, $308,500

COLUMBIA

12 Sunrise Dr, Colimbia Grand View LLC to S R Blanchard Inc, 12/2, $95,000

191 Pine St, Quinn, Robert and Quinn, Marie to Craig, Scott and Craig, Brandy, 12/1, $409,900

518 Route 87, Craig, Scott A and Craig, Brandy L to Kendig, Patrick T and Kendig, Leslie L, 12/1, $320,000

COVENTRY

89 Edgewater Dr, Klukas, Howard A and Klukas, Mary V to Clark, Dennis M and Clark, Debbie Sue, 12/1, $500,000

99 Stonehouse Rd, Bendzinski, David M to Debari, Margaret L and Bruder, Mikaela D, 12/1, $219,000

1138 Boston Tpke, Doyle, Kyle G and Doyle, Jocelyn K to Michaud, Brianna and Michaud, Eric J, 12/2, $212,400

CROMWELL

9 Arbor Meadow Dr, Carrier Group LLC to Mcgarry, Stephanie and Mcgarry, Matthew, 12/2, $520,882

10 Senator Dr, Mcguiness, Barry M and Mcguiness, Lisa A to Khan, Abdus and Khanom, Eshita, 11/30, $554,450

12 Bow Ln, Creech, Brian D to Repalle, Chakravarthi, 11/30, $302,500

62 Woodland Dr Lot 62, Meeker, Mehtap A to Hopper, Karen, 12/1, $107,500

110 Woodland Dr Lot 110, Infanti, Ryleigh to Turner, Amber N, 11/30, $112,000

480 Main St, Salaam Yusuf Est and Salaam, Shanda to Oshea, Shane and Breau, Ashley, 11/29, $373,000

700-R Main St, Russo, John to Niedbala Jr, Joseph S and Winoski, Robert J, 11/29, $60,000

2310 Cromwell Hills Dr Lot 2310, Everett, Karon to 2nd Chance Homes LLC, 11/29, $100,000

DANBURY

1 Country View Rd Lot 1, Lisa M Cavalea RET and Cavalea, Lisa M to Levesque, Charles and Levesque, Lisa, 11/30, $730,000

2 Circle Ter, Veneziano, Priscilla to Rivera, Jonathan and Rivera, Eliazer G, 11/29, $370,000

3 Mountain Rd, Elpern, Joanne M to Munoz, Victor, 11/23, $369,500

6 Warrington Round Lot 6, Lobue, Antoinette to Price, Leah S, 11/23, $425,000

12 Boulevard Dr Lot 25-148, Burbank, Joanne M to Michaelessi, Linda, 11/29, $369,000

12 Hospital Ave, Pedro I Rodriguez IRT and Rodriguez, Reynoldo to Duran, Homero, 11/24, $280,000

12 Scuppo Rd Lot B, Ghee Jr, Thomas J to Rodriguez, Teofilio and Rodriguez, Tania, 11/23, $160,000

14 Warrington Round Lot 14, Preisig, Stephen to Ciccarone, John, 11/24, $418,000

17 Fleetwood Dr, Petrini, Michaela M to Anthony, Ganesan, 11/23, $350,000

19 Mountainville Ave, Mitchell, John R and Mitchell, Eileen F to Rios, Klever R, 11/23, $400,000

20 Eastwood Rd, Nagaraja, Nelamangala V and Khanna, Anupama to Reed, Nakea D and Cofie, Prince S, 11/23, $459,000

20 Starrs Plain Rd, Byun, Tamera S and Cazenovia Crk Funding 1 to Singleton, Tyronda N, 11/30, $168,000

27 Broad St, Diaz, Johnny to Deoliveira, Ivan, 11/24, $182,000

32 Crows Nest Ln Lot 1, Oconnell, Oliver and Oconnell, Maureen to Vilanova, Evandro M and Vilanova, Elisangela C, 11/23, $335,000

33 Lake Ave, Tomaino, Mary and Tomaino, Bruno to Tejada, Elvys A and Tejada, Yessenia, 11/24, $400,000

34 Marldon Rd, Somers, Trisha L to Tague, Kerry and Tague, Elise A, 11/29, $350,000

47 Austin St, Segur, Richard D to Darocha, Olivia D and Darocha, Gevison, 11/30, $395,000

50 Virginia Ave, Giddings, Patricia and Giddings, Gavin to Hernandez, Jorge G and Maguellan-Ceja, Esmeralda, 11/24, $350,000

60 Padanaram Rd Lot B14, Lindsay, James W to Godfrey, Irene B, 11/30, $240,000

73 North St, D&J Showah LLC to Graca, Peter and Abrantes, Catherine, 11/23, $650,000

79 Franklin St, Rodrigues, Jose M and Rodrigues, Rose M to Lopez, Diana and Chacon, Jose, 11/30, $500,000

92 Franklin St, Skandera, Emil to Bella Real Estate LLC, 11/30, $202,000

97 Elm St, Augusto Dasilva Ent LLC to Elm Street LLC, 11/24, $640,000

97-99 Park Ave Lot 80, Blakely, Enisha to Marks, Michael R, 11/23, $158,500

99 Elm St, Augusto Dasilva Ent LLC to Elm Street LLC, 11/24, $640,000

122 Carol St, Lesnick, Miriam R to Matthews, Cameron L, 11/30, $185,600

151 Shelter Rock Rd Lot 87, Bhavsar, Rahul to Negron, Garron L, 11/29, $250,000

163 Southern Blvd, Heather J Salaga&Whitewd to Blanco, Carlos M and Estrella, Melissa M, 11/30, $410,000

166 Old Brookfield Rd Lot 19C4, Parvu, Valentin and Parvu, Mihaela to Crawford Holdings LLC, 11/23, $270,000

DEEP RIVER

241 Cedar Swamp Rd, Bailey, Eric S and Bailey, Melody to Evans, James C and Evans, Shelby S, 12/1, $510,000

DERBY

1 Dobek Ter, Bay Restoration LLC to Brooks, Glenroy and Johnson-Brooks, Nicole, 11/29, $360,000

11 Joyce Ave, Blue, Benjamin J to Smith, Claudine R, 11/19, $280,000

22 Southwest Rd, Wyoming, Cheyenne and Lee, Edward to Schantz, Luke and Kosaka, Mariko, 11/23, $28,333

DURHAM

40 Park Pl, Davis 3rd, Wade R and Davis, Jane T to Koba, Ross and Koba, Christina, 12/2, $470,000

57 Wheeler Hill Dr, Centauri Investmentts LLC to Minervini, Chad C and Minervini, Michelle, 12/1, $350,000

EAST GRANBY

5 Pinewood Rd, Albdaiwai, Ashraf M to Penina, Michael, 12/3, $300,000

10 Talcott Range Dr, Kulig, Thomas J and Stillman-Kulig, Amy to Eisch, Andrew C and Eisch, Sara L, 11/29, $410,000

80 Rolling Grn, Peak Mountain Dev LLC to Montanez Sr, Carlos and Montanez, Yanitza, 11/29, $130,000

EAST HADDAM

65 E Haddam Colchester Tpke, Sweeney, Janet M to Morin, Branon D, 11/29, $225,000

98 White Sands Rd, Laforest, Kelly A to Pavlak, Eric and Pavlak, Jeannine, 11/30, $340,000

EAST HAMPTON

10 Portage Trl, Hopper, Christopher W and Hopper, Susan to Mcmahon, Daniel T and Mcmahon, Jeananne, 12/2, $582,000

10 Raymond Rd, Roche, John J and Roche, Teresa to Agnone, Marc D and Stack, Kristen, 12/2, $360,000

16 Auburn Knl, Distefano, Michelle D to Mercik, Michael C and Mercik, Kristin, 11/30, $570,000

23 Blue Heron Dr, US Bank NA Tr to Seales, Jacqueline and Seales, Garreck, 12/1, $345,000

38 W High St, 38 West High Street LLC to 38 West High 6424 LLC, 12/1, $500,000

40 Crestwood Dr, Hackett, Amy H and Hackett, Steven M to Garcia, Andres C, 11/29, $325,000

66 Old Marlborough Rd, Kissinger, Stephen J to Obrien, Kevin and White, Kaitlyn, 12/1, $285,000

105 Middle Haddam Rd, Rozhon, Tracie to Gorman, Andrew C, 11/29, $703,000

122 Colchester Ave, Suprono, John M to Austin, Christopher, 12/1, $215,000

705 Lake Vista Dr Lot 705, Leblanc, Jonathan R to Russell, Todd and Russell, Yadira, 11/29, $175,000

EAST HARTFORD

16 Robin Ter, Affordable Dreams LLC to Robinson, James and Robinson, Janetta, 11/26, $176,800

17 Clayton Rd, Kershaw, Donna L to Atkinson-Keddar, Claudine, 11/30, $235,000

27 Montclair Dr, Driscoll Francis X Est and Driscoll, William J to Mendoza, Alexander, 11/29, $165,000

38 Lydall Rd, Mona, Todd to Rodrigurz Jr, Angel L, 11/30, $241,000

48 Gilman St, USA HUD to Cuadros, Ismael, 11/29, $100,000

54 Montague Cir, Burr, Sandra L to Caron, Michael and Clement, Brittany, 11/30, $165,000

70 Syracuse Dr, Butryman Louise M Est and Butryman, John A to Dynamic Tax Consultants, 11/29, $180,000

440 Main St, Skelly T LLC and Skelly, Patrick M to 442 Realty LLC, 11/30, $350,000

1502 Forbes St, 1502 Forbes Jasak T and Stevens, Jonathan B to Tuthill, Matthew, 11/29, $205,000

EAST HAVEN

2 Old Town Hwy Lot 7, Netter, Ronals to Khalidi, Usama and Khalidi, Nayeem S, 11/29, $410,500

16 Whalers Pt Lot 16, Varma, Pradeep K and Testa, Francine to Cook, Brandon and Cook, Wendy, 12/1, $596,000

19 Rowe St, Olsen, David and Olsen, Linda to Bailey, Crystal, 12/2, $175,000

20 Austin Ave, Savino, Robert L and Savino, Lucy L to Reyes Jr, Edward, 12/1, $329,900

21 Brookfield Rd, Pagalos-Fierro, William P to Reyes-Delrio, Monica Z and Mejias, Luis S, 12/1, $260,000

33 Massachusetts Ave, Grahan, Barbara to Guillermo-Mendez, Jamiea, 12/2, $250,000

100 S Shore Dr, 100 South Shore LLC to 100 South Shore Dr Ct LLC, 11/30, $1,947,000

162 Grannis St, Construction LLC and Russo Jr, Joseph J to Zephirin, Pascal H and Zephirin, Santana, 11/29, $495,000

175 S End Rd Lot F39, Patel, Mehul to Pertesis, Diane J, 12/3, $252,900

356 Cosey Beach Ave, Jarosz, Stefan and Jarosz, Eugena to Leibowitz, Michael and Leibowitz, Margaret, 12/3, $1,300,000

560 Silver Sands Rd Lot 602, Jones, William to Petrillo, Christopher, 11/30, $275,000

EAST LYME

22 Quailcrest Rd, Vickers Helen D Est and Vickers, Mark to Help U Sell LLC, 11/29, $205,000

41 Spring Glen Rd, Casey, Rosemary to Apostoliis, Jim and Apostolidis, Joanne, 11/29, $166,000

101 W Main St Lot 2, Young, Cynthia A and Young, Todd A to Parker, Beverly, 11/29, $210,000

EAST WINDSOR

4 Spring Ct Lot C, Keefe, Patricia M to Carson, Sarah, 11/30, $162,000

5 Mockingbird Ln Lot 5, Milligan, Elaine F to Honeychurch, Carol R, 12/2, $249,900

16 Prospect Hill Dr, Michaud, Wilfred J to Cannella, Carl J, 12/3, $177,000

27 Folkstone Rd Lot B, Alford, Megan M and Alford, Marie M to Leason, David, 11/30, $195,000

27 Pasco Dr Lot B, Benson Enterprises Inc to Lepauloue, Lori A and Zukowski Jr, Thomas J, 11/30, $153,500

106 Rockville Rd, Lundin, Valerie K and Lundin, Ricky B to Clifford, Sean and Clifford, Vina, 12/2, $421,000

187 Depot St, Ralph, Nancy F to Bates, Kyle, 12/2, $335,000

225 East Rd, Guarino Jr, Paul J and Guarino, Jennifer to Mackenzie, David L and Mackenzie, Jenny H, 12/2, $440,000

2011 Eagle River Mobile Home, Arakelian, Charlie to German, Kyunghwa, 12/3, $38,000

EASTFORD

2 Pomfret Rd, Shaw, Arvind J and Shaw, Margherita M to Knoll, Jacob, 11/30, $152,000

117 Ashford Rd Lot 10, Brooklyn Dev Ct LLC to Lyle, Leslie, 12/1, $227,500

EASTON

27 Adirondak Trl, 17 Adirondack LLC and Adirondack Estates LLC to Freedman, Andrew J and Freedman, Kinder B, 12/2, $1,567,500

65 Wood End Dr, Asano, David to Somko, Mariia and Somko, Ivan, 11/30, $568,500

939 Black Rock Tpke, Bebon, James F and Bebon, Jacqueline R to Cross Highway T and Toohey, Phillip J, 12/3, $1,240,000

ELLINGTON

N/A, Zanks Jr, William F to Cole, Shaun, 11/29, $19,470

4 Cliff St, Moser, Samuel D to Vivient, Kassandra and Alciores, Ivika, 11/29, $269,900

5 Pine St, Marra, Brendan and Marra, Yael to Leclaire, Joshua, 11/30, $275,000

31 Hillsdale Dr, Mcilhenny, Robert B and Mcilhenny, Joyce D to Flickenschild, Stephen and Davis, Joy, 11/29, $317,000

ENFIELD

11 Oak St, Henry Jr, Robert L to Ezold, Dawn, 11/23, $165,000

54 Garden St, Miller, Douglas J to LTM Garden Property LLC, 11/22, $284,500

ESSEX

17 Cedar St, House, Brendan T and House, Patricia C to Dowling, Jill and Moreno, Angelo, 11/30, $330,000

42 Lynn Rd, USA HUD to Smith, Justin, 12/1, $205,100

FAIRFIELD

35 Cummings Ave, Ackerman, Jeffrey S and Golia, Jean M to Mcgann, Matthew S and West, Emma, 12/1, $645,000

41 Revere Ln Lot 41, Decembre, Jerry and Decembre, Tanicka L to Ruscigno, Daniel J and Ruscigno, Jessica M, 12/2, $775,000

57 Hornbeam Rd, Friendly Homes Solutions to Decembre, Jerry and Decembre, Tanicka, 12/3, $1,325,000

89 Rakoczy Ave, Mckenzie, Erin M and Bruce, Daniel M to Jones, Nathan and Sergeeva, Oksana, 12/2, $610,000

100 Catamount Rd, Elizabeth A Bresiger T and Bresiger, Elizabeth A to Dang, Thoai and Nguyen, Hung, 12/1, $1,050,000

100 Stone Ridge Way Lot 1C, Desai, Hemal D to Biggs, Pauline M, 12/3, $549,000

120 Marne Ave, Goetz, Matthew A to Rutigliano 3rd, Leonard A and Rodrigues-Pereira, F C, 12/2, $554,000

125 Vesper St, Murphy, Kathleen M to Zhang, Xinxiao, 11/30, $334,000

165 Green Acre Ln, Szepessy, John L and Szepessy, Nancy M to Hall, Matthew and Hall, Rebecca, 12/2, $800,000

239 Farmington Ave, Potts, Robert G and Potts, Patricia M to Delgado, Edwin J and Delgado, Laura S, 12/2, $455,000

254 Puritan Rd, Bauer, Stacey L and Bauer, Scott J to Salomon, David P and Salomon, Stephanie, 12/1, $1,730,000

340 Acorn Ln, Klein, Wendy A to Hotes, Todd D and Hotes, Jessica, 12/1, $1,440,600

455 Villa Ave, Gramlich, Timothy J to Small, Lennard, 12/1, $461,000

543 S Pine Creek Rd, Spano, Karin L to Mcgoldrick, Joline and Mcgoldrick, Brent, 11/30, $827,000

624 Penfield Rd, K&J Partnership LLC to Brodsky, Robert A and Brodsky, Nancy, 12/3, $2,899,000

790 Cedar Rd, Miles, Carolyn S to Jakab, Stephen M, 11/30, $1,549,000

1477 Fence Row Dr, Pirolo, Daniel J and Pirolo, Amanda Y to Colen, Stephanie A and Colen, David L, 12/1, $1,800,000

2465 Mill Plain Rd, Fusco, Jason and Fusco, Erin to Millen, Kevin and Millen, Joan, 12/2, $610,000

FRANKLIN

25 Murphy Rd, JD Thakral&Associates to Murphy Self Storage CT, 11/23, $1,850,000

66 Whippoorwill Hollow Rd, Grace Linden T and Linden, Susan to Ray, Colten and Riendeau, April, 11/8, $325,000

74 Meeting House Hill Rd, Kropp, Michael to Phelan, Matthew, 11/4, $345,000

GLASTONBURY

19-21 Medford St, Holmes, Elisa A to Krovi, Erigels, 11/30, $328,000

31 Crossroads Ln Lot 31, Martin, Donald T to Lu, Xuequan and Ye, Yixia, 12/2, $290,000

55 Rockhaven Dr Lot 55, Parsons, Edward D to Damon, Joseph and Damon, Lynn, 12/1, $200,000

59 Crosby Rd, Mannoochahr, Mano to Lafond, James and Lafond, Brenda, 12/3, $1,275,000

80 Old Maids Ln, Mccurdy, Michael H and Mccurdy, Ellen to Wang, Longke and Jia, Xiahong, 11/30, $660,000

89 Stockade Rd, Oakmont Properties LLC to Wattananchai, Somboon and Thanakeere, Ratikorn, 12/1, $405,000

218 Stockade Rd, Colletti, Kara to Morgan, Curtis S and Morgan, Cathryn A, 12/3, $441,000

373 Chimney Sweep Hill Rd, Stolzenberg, Elissa D to Lin, Xiu L and Dong, Hui, 12/3, $466,000

376 Ash Swamp Rd, Lafond, James R to Rockey, Benjamin, 12/3, $600,000

919 Thompson St, Bouthiller, Robin R and Bouthiller, Susan K to Maciulla, Daniel and Patton, Kelly, 12/1, $699,900

GOSHEN

N/A, Purcell, Harold F and Purcell, Joan N to Purcell Jr, Jeffrey and Purcell, Shauna, 11/30, $75,000

73 Sharon Tpke, Valletta, Sharon A to Istvan, Doris J, 12/3, $249,900

167 East St N, Weiner, Craig D and Weiner, Jennifer B to Creiig, Jennifer L and Creigh, Samuel, 11/30, $244,650

GRANBY

15 Fawn Dr, Turchi, John C to Mcmanus, Michael and Mcmanus, Marie S, 11/29, $326,000

54 Notch Rd, Kurzeja, Geraldine F to Durham, Annemarie K and Vanlangen, Thomas H, 11/29, $60,000

GREENWICH

W Putnam Ave, 599 Landlord LLC to LC Gren Owner LLC, 11/29, $56,500,000

2 Laurel Lane Spur, Brumley, Sanford A and James, Teryce A to Brandt, Andrea and Brandt, John, 12/1, $3,125,000

10 Parsonage Ln, Moon, Min-Hye to Bauza, April and Bauza, Ramon, 12/3, $2,800,000

12 Pheasant Ln, Thorndike, Suzanne N to Ritman, Abigail and Ritman, James, 11/30, $3,500,000

12-A Rockland Pl, Kawamoto, Koji and Kawamoto, Yoko to Forestgreen Holdings LLC, 11/29, $1,150,000

16 Cary Rd, Fogg, Robert J to Mccue, Leandro J and Mccue, Michael F, 12/1, $500,000

25 W Elm St Lot 124, Ashe Anne Tobin Est and Ashe, Brian T to Bonilla, Migdalia, 12/1, $582,500

28 Sachem Rd, Joyce, Kathleen M and Joyce, Peter K to Meyer, Ariel and Meyer, Sean, 11/30, $2,100,000

33 Benenson Dr, Harlow, Patricia and Sussman, Alan P to SCS T and Fraioli, Rachel, 11/30, $1,600,000

33 Mead Ave, Ruiz, Lilian to Watson, Heather and Watson, Robert N, 12/1, $1,525,000

34 Baldwin Farms N, Pila T 2 and Rolla, Adrienne to Krishnan, Ashok and Krishnan, Bhavani, 12/2, $6,000,000

36 Long Meadow Rd, Bernstein, Andrea S and Bernstein, Paul R to Pike, Brian and Pike, Mallory, 12/2, $1,899,000

37 Almira Dr, Zosa, Pilar R to Ucles, Jose, 11/29, $640,000

47 Lafayette Pl Lot 3I, Kalan, Gary E to Cianci, Margaret C, 12/3, $530,000

48 High St Lot 6, Ha, Hong G and Ha, Soon Y to Chow, Cho K and Jian, Shao L, 12/1, $780,000

48 Winthrop Dr, Mckee Jr, John V and Mckee, Susan H to Beckerman, Scott and Beckerman, Tracy L, 12/3, $4,750,000

60 Weaver St, Katherine Monick RET and Aidinis, A D to Merrolla, Gianfranco, 11/30, $965,000

64 Weaver St, Martin Monick RET and Aidinis, A D to Merrolla, Gianfranco, 11/30, $965,000

67 Valley Rd, Makarevich, Ignatius F to Rangel, Columba and Rangel, Ramon, 12/1, $700,000

104 Ritch Ave W Lot 5, Anthony E Micheletti RET and Micheletti, Anthony E to Galu, Anthony P and Mayorga, Paola C, 12/3, $870,000

128 Valley Dr, Liu, George Y and Liu, Ling M to Donovan, James, 12/1, $2,085,000

186 Milbank Ave Lot A, 186 Milbank LLC to Ellis, Nora O and Ellis, Roy A, 12/1, $3,225,000

206 Milbank Ave, Lee, Virginia W to 1 Mill LLC, 12/3, $1,900,000

276 Bruce Park Ave, Perri, Emily to Pike, Benjamin D, 12/3, $770,000

282 Round Hill Rd, NE Holdings LLC to Backx, Mattijs and Backx, Silvia, 12/3, $3,250,000

518 Indian Field Rd, Plaut, Edward W to Cohen, Jarret and Cohen, Marissa, 12/1, $5,460,000

799 Lake Ave, Rile, Christopher and Rile, E L to Gould, Elliot, 12/3, $3,700,000

1465 E Putnam Ave Lot 320, May Property Holdings LLC to Davis, Marissa A, 12/3, $401,000

GRISWOLD

45 Elm St, Coffman Eva T Est and Ezzell, Cynthia S to Vonlewis-Hazel, Eric and Hazel, Kaitlin E, 11/29, $280,000

122 Griswold Dr, Downey, Jacob to Huthinson, Ernest J and Huthinson, Karin P, 11/29, $297,000

1182 Voluntown Rd, Swan, Kayla and Swan, Cody to Keemon, Michael L, 12/1, $226,000

GROTON

N/A, Michaelson, Andrew B to Thomas John Defranco T and Defranco, Kimberly A, 11/30, $150,000

N/A, Dosapanti, Hari S to Herrans, Gabriel A and Herrans, Ashley M, 12/3, $259,000

N/A, Stanwix, Kenneth A to Madden, Joshua and Davis, Evan L, 11/30, $186,600

15 Imogen Dr, Eastern Building Co LLC to Garfi, Samantha, 11/30, $449,900

18 Quincy Ct, Jordan, Roland and Jordan, Karen to Solis-Rosas, Ana, 12/3, $170,000

31 Amherst Ct, Small, Edward C to Laughton, William C, 11/30, $174,000

51 Virginia Ave Lot C, Tai T and Tai, Lui to Prokop, Andrew J, 11/30, $70,000

55 Anchorage Cir, Macbain, Tina V and Macbain-Traub, Regan to Cramer, Charles and Cramer, Carol, 11/30, $960,000

112 Spyglass Cir Lot 112, Archer, Susan K to Zinn, Richard C and Zinn, Lucille C, 12/3, $300,000

182 Bel Aire Dr, Hewes, Sean B to Diana Morales Bories RET and Bories, Diana M, 11/30, $337,500

375 Allyn St Lot E19, Xu, Hong and Zhao, Dayao to Little, Michael A, 12/3, $475,000

HADDAM

19 Fieldstone Ln, Salamone FT and Starron, Stacey to Marty, Donna L, 12/3, $500,000

117 Church Hill Rd, Nella Salafia RET and Salafia, Nella to Oconnell, Bailey J and Gerzabek, Lindsey E, 11/30, $360,000

HAMDEN

N/A, Clement Jr, Michael E and Gailloux, Jillian M to Eldin, Mona, 12/1, $400,000

8 Woodland Ave, Isabelle, Callista S and Isabelle, Geoffrey E to Stallworth, Lynda C and Stallworth, Anthony N, 11/30, $255,000

21 Beverly Rd, Dress, Marilyn F to Novelli, Nicholas E and Novelli, Kellianne M, 12/1, $285,000

23 Concord St, Denicola, Meaghan to Simpkins, Gregory, 12/1, $382,000

30 Amherst St, Norton, Emma J to Howard, Faith T, 11/30, $260,000

45 Brookhaven Rd, My Way 2 LLC to Tekin, Etkin, 12/1, $615,000

49 Clifford St, Banks, Graham W and Banks, Cheri J to Gondon, Juliette E, 11/30, $264,000

61 Brook St, Mattie Vivian E Est and Burns, Debora to Edelkopf, Menahem, 11/26, $145,000

79 Alstrum St, Miller, William and Miller, Meredith to ABCD Investments DE LLC, 11/26, $282,500

84 Bradley Ave, Donofrio, Angela to Gustavson, Spencer R, 11/30, $341,000

85 Arch St, Baldwin, Robert to Cordero, Jennifer, 12/1, $250,000

171 Santa Fe Ave, Saunders Francis H Est and Saunders, Kathleen A to Walk, Nathan C, 12/1, $375,000

175 Mill Pond Rd Lot 351, Balsa, Arturo and Balsa, Alfonso to Mudre, Paula M, 11/30, $90,000

365 Mather St Lot 212, Gregory N Fabrizi LT and Fabrizi, Gregory N to Collins, Brenda D, 11/26, $180,000

601 Gilbert Ave, Guerreri, Jeanine and Cardenas, Jude R to Mone, Richard, 12/1, $275,000

2390 State St Lot L29C, Tsai, Thomas to

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Goodwin, Marquis and Farid, Maryam, 11/29, $202,000

HARTFORD

1 Gold St Lot 17B, Gellin, Terry L to Vandeventer, Elizabeth A, 12/1, $321,000

1 Gold St Lot 17A, Gellin, Terry L to Vandeventer, Elizabeth A, 12/1, $321,000

2 Putnam Hts, Veguilla, Santiago to David, Aisha, 12/1, $216,000

22-24 Irving St, Eugene, Emile to Lugg, Rahjay A, 12/1, $260,000

22-24 Irving St, Stpreux Vierge Est and Eugene, Emile to Lugg, Rahjay A, 12/1, $260,000

30 Woodland St Lot 11E, Cohen, Jonathan L to Perez, Angel and Perez, James M, 12/1, $92,000

34 Montowese St, Retamar, Temple to Robinson 3rd, Samuel B and Echevarria, Alyssa, 11/29, $247,200

45 Tremont St, Healy, Nicholas J to Blue, Joseph K, 11/29, $360,000

48-58 Atwood St, Espada, Nilda L to Guzman Sr, Samuel L, 12/1, $45,000

49 Liberty St, Rodriguez, Angel and Ramos, Maria to Julia, Julio, 11/30, $180,000

125 Terry Rd, Williamson, Tamar C and Williamson, Marlon K to Young, Norman B and Young, Amy R, 11/30, $385,000

153 Victoria Rd, Araujo, Marge to Rivera, Joe Vanny and Rodriguez, Jessica A, 12/1, $215,000

203 Goodrich St, Delfino, Peter to Martinez, Carmen C, 11/30, $219,000

205 Laurel St, Knight Investments LLC to Trebuig Properties LLC, 11/30, $200,000

691 Blue Hills Ave, Heymann, Harry to Na Cha Rize LLC, 11/30, $200,000

700 Broadview Ter, Pepin, Jessica R to Boisrond, Mideline, 12/1, $230,000

HARTLAND

64 Fox Brook Rd, Bozak, Francis R and Seibert, Amie to Furey Jr, Thomas J, 11/29, $255,000

HARWINTON

N/A, Herbert, William M to Cyr, Elliot and Cyr, Janice, 11/30, $35,000

5 Brick Kiln Rd, Lasota, Teresa H to Nitz, Doug S and Nitz, Rachel A, 12/1, $235,000

12 White Fence Holw, Harwinton Commons LLC to Parcel 8 LLC, 11/29, $1,375,000

33 Terryville Rd, Borkowski Helen U Est and Borkowski, Aaron to Morris, Melissa C and Morris, Matthew, 12/1, $279,000

57 Wilson Pond Rd, Lyon, Kimberly L and Lyon, Byron J to Torres, Meenawatty and Torres, Mark A, 12/1, $340,000

HEBRON

67 Hillcrest Dr, Rearick Justine E Est and Beiser, Regina to Nicolo, Michael and Nicolo, Katthleen, 11/30, $337,500

KENT

Upper Kent Hollow Rd, Gales Holdings Limited to Curran, Steven and Fennessey, Jacqueline, 12/1, $420,000

KILLINGLY

8 Beatrice Ave, Yeitz Jr, Patrick J to Pugsley, Donna, 12/1, $215,000

59 Athol St Lot 59, Leo, Jarid to Kallio, Lisa E, 12/2, $149,900

135 Morin Ave, Morris, Tiffany A to Dingwell, Merrianne M, 12/2, $270,000

765 Cook Hill Rd, Wegner-Duncan, Carlyn and Hopkins, Elizabeth to Baribeau Jr, Ronald and Baribeau, Holly, 11/30, $202,000

KILLINGWORTH

N/A, Hill, Iris A to Giguere, Mario, 11/29, $400,000

N/A, Harenda, John to Foster 3rd, Elon and Foster, Susan Z, 12/3, $799,000

N/A, Claddagh Ridge Equestrian to Paulsen, Christopher and Paulsen, Jaclyn, 11/29, $200,000

11 Old Mine Rd, Manzi, Tia C to Ethan Properties LLC, 12/2, $262,000

249 Route 81, Morann-Violissi, Janet E and Violissi, Manet M to Berardino, Jon, 12/1, $335,000

LEBANON

64 Lakewood Dr, Serafin, Frances M and Fitzgerald, Thomas F to Kozaczka, Dyan and Busch, Gregory, 12/2, $367,500

172 Bogg Ln, A B&J B Vertefeuille FT and Vertefeuille, Albert B to Mcelroy, Cynthia and Rota, Michael, 12/2, $500,000

1819 Exeter Rd, Lukaszewicz, Cindy A to Mcguinness, Olivia, 11/29, $260,000

LEDYARD

11 Van Tassel Dr, Arthurlene M Provencher T and Bruciati, Kathryn A to Medeiros, Mason B, 11/30, $240,000

LISBON

14 Strnad Rd, Caverly, Ron to Wood, Jared, 11/30, $174,225

380 S Burnham Hwy, My Mansions LLC and Flynn, Brian R to Cingranelli, John, 11/30, $228,000

LITCHFIELD

266 Brush Hill Rd, Hughes, Dennis R to Fassbender, Manuela B and Thomas, Brett C, 11/30, $370,000

MADISON

Twin Bridge Rd, Mackowiak, Mark J and Burton, Christy to Celentano, Samantha and Severino, Austino, 12/3, $140,000

7 Markham Pl, Horsepond Estates LLC to Mahier, Matthew and Feldman, Jessica, 11/29, $744,816

39 Fence Creek Dr, Wynosky, Margaret M to Zornow, David M and Zornow, Martha M, 12/2, $1,000,000

87 Concord Dr, Smithken-Lindsay, Karin to Wnek, Robert E and Wnek, Mary L, 12/2, $595,000

101 Sandlewood Dr, Young, Joan M to Porter, Paul E, 12/1, $400,000

114 Bradley Corners Rd, Callahan, Marianne G to Ricci, Jonathan S and Phillips, Sally, 12/3, $510,000

454 Horse Pond Rd, Dubois, Bruce to 454 Horsepond LLC, 11/29, $585,000

MANCHESTER

Cougar Dr, Miller, Travis J and Chapin-Miller, Ann M to Peauteau, Francois and Rowe, Martine C, 12/3, $450,000

Farms Dr, Miller, Travis J and Chapin-Miller, Ann M to Peauteau, Francois and Rowe, Martine C, 12/3, $450,000

1 Thompson Rd Lot G, Shaikh, Maksud A and Shaikh, Saeeda M to Al Rahim LLC, 11/30, $70,000

17 Brent Rd, Peterson, Cheryl to Orejuela, Elizabeth, 11/30, $275,000

18 Hendee Rd, Proano Jr, Miguel A to Beaulieu Jr, Peter, 12/3, $212,000

21 Horton Rd, Forthofer, Ryan and Forthofer, Melissa M to Johnson, Christopher M, 12/2, $220,000

23 Tanner St, Blake, Richard A and Blake, Barbara L to Adams, Johnny F, 12/1, $249,900

30 Olcott Dr, Snellenberger, Daniel D and Snellenberger, Dawn M to Sevedge Jr, William V and Sevedge, Kathleen M, 12/3, $318,000

32 Edison Rd, Weech, Charlene A to Morales-Deleon, Luis A, 12/2, $200,000

34 Jensen St, Fleming Children T and Rydziel, Sheila to Chowdhury, Mostaque, 12/1, $235,000

40 Mason Cir, Bayberry Developers LLC to Bellone, Stephen T and Bellone, Amy M, 12/2, $92,000

52 Diane Dr, Arnold, Edward A to Rodriguez, Raquel, 12/2, $240,000

52 Gerard St, Evans, Jordan and Evans, Krista to Pizarro, Jose, 11/29, $240,000

53 Harlan St, Rodriguez, Jessica to Flores, Michael A and Rzatki, Jessica M, 11/30, $235,000

62 Weaver Rd, Biodgett, Jennifer to Delgado, Krystal, 12/3, $220,000

70 Fairfield St, Jones Jr, Bradford and Arey, Katherine J to Johnson, Tiffany, 12/2, $270,000

97 Bolton St, Lawrence, Shantal H and Lawrence, Kevin to Leung, Daniel W, 11/29, $223,900

107 Blue Ridge Dr, Hussey, Brett L and Hussey, Theresa A to Little, Travis S and Little, Jill E, 12/3, $450,000

109 Foster St, 555 Wethersfield LLC to TMC Keywest LLC, 12/1, $585,000

140 Bayberry Rd, Bayberry Developers LLC to Trail, Scott A and Trail, Mary K, 11/29, $90,000

149 Chestnut St Lot B1, Dipietro, Paul to Paul, Andrew, 12/1, $68,000

164 W Center St, Welch, Michael J to RA Investments LLC, 11/30, $265,000

211 Boulder Rd, Roberto, Christian A to Bond, Mackenzie D, 12/1, $340,000

220 Bobby Ln, Taylor, Marshall C to Mann, Jeffrey D and Mann, Karen M, 12/2, $180,500

466 Middle Tpke W Lot 20U, Lopez, Corliss E to Ladd, Christine, 12/3, $80,000

482 Middle Tpke W Lot 30, Lopez, Corliss E to Ladd, Christine, 12/3, $80,000

MANSFIELD

9 Thornbush Rd Ext, Meduna, Dylan C and Meduna Jr, Robert M to Shastal, Reese M and Rush, Samantha, 12/1, $206,000

17 Codfish Falls Rd, Rawn, Kenneth H and Rawn, Nacny L to Coolbert, Matthew A and Chen, Sixia, 11/30, $360,000

24 Summit Rd, Marcus, Judith J to Dekoning, Arlette B and Polo, Michael, 11/30, $238,650

33 Beech Mountain Cir, Mcevily Jane H Est and Mcevily-Schoepleion, M to Rittner, Andrew, 12/1, $260,000

84 Wildwood Rd, Carl, Kathryn M and Carl Jr, Charles W to Francini, Anthony and Wrubel, Danielle J, 12/3, $372,000

MARLBOROUGH

32 Pettengill Rd, Sime, Gordon to David J Gesiak LLC, 12/1, $45,000

54 Cheyenne Ct Lot 54, Maher, David M and Maher, Cathy L to Lombardi, Linda M, 12/3, $256,000

MERIDEN

Northwood Pl Lot 1, Sumatra, Allan D and Jose-Sumatra, Evelyn C to Enzo Tripp LLC, 12/3, $69,900

7 Hilltop Rd, Molnar 3rd, Frank J and Molnar, Janet to Gaspar, Miguel, 11/30, $200,000

13 Pinetree Rdige, Carabcciolo, Domenico to Principal Properties LLC, 12/3, $175,000

15 Lucia Dr, Caballero, Lisette to Abdul-Rahman, Shuaib, 12/1, $280,000

25 Bellevue St, Grimes, Miriam to Rivera, Brendalie, 12/1, $239,900

27 Sorries Ct, Bacchoicchi, Avrianna C to Pelaggi, David and Carrozza, Louise, 11/29, $235,000

32 Cartpath Dr, Zajac, Andrew M and Solteaz, Samanthna to Sims, Floyd and Hollaway, Monica, 11/29, $299,000

32 Divot Dr, Mathew, Marshall to Persaud, Bobby, 11/30, $225,000

36 Mayfair Rd, Cicero, Jason D and Cicero, Deborah J to David, James C and Desouza-Salomao, F C, 12/1, $240,000

39 N Spring St, Rocar Venture Partnership to Abouchacra, Robii, 11/30, $130,000

43 N Spring St, Occor Properties LLC to Abouchacra, Robii, 11/30, $130,000

47 Clinton St, Shortell, Marie E and Shortell, Toby to Pandya, Lopa and Puri, Saurabh, 12/2, $226,000

47 Cricket Dr, Civitelli, Lynn W to Collis, Austin and Collins, Amber, 11/30, $180,000

50 Quarry Farms, Sciola, Sherri Anne to Blake, Shauna, 12/1, $205,000

53 Briarwood Dr, US Bank NA to Elliby, Munzer, 11/30, $167,000

70 Hawthorne Ter, Hepp, Alton J to Morales, Roberto, 12/1, $276,000

71 Webster St, Edwards, Radolph to Andoh, Danho, 12/3, $292,000

72 Webster St, Edwards, Radolph to Andoh, Danho, 12/3, $292,000

73 Webster St, Edwards, Radolph to Andoh, Danho, 12/3, $292,000

77 Orchard St, Medina-Calderon, Santos M to Andrade, Evalys, 11/30, $269,900

89 Harness Dr, Shuckerow, Laurie M and Mudry, Dennis J to Boutin, Patrick and Boutin, Robin, 11/30, $200,000

91 Horton Ave, Belcourt, Susan M to Centeno, Genesis N, 11/29, $185,000

96 Oak St, Fell, Christopher R to Lashley, Juanita Y, 12/2, $199,700

99 Old Stagecoach Rd, Felix, George J and Felix, Sohara S to Diaz, Elba E, 12/2, $220,000

100 Hanover St, Real Estate Holdings LLC to Meriden City Of, 12/2, $350,000

125 Kensington Ave, Wisniowski, Paul A to Freeman, Brian K, 12/2, $90,000

125 Kensington Ave, Wisniowski, Nancy A to Freeman, Brian K, 12/2, $90,000

165 Sherman Ave, Francklin-Policard, Jean J to Mahoney, Brenton, 12/1, $195,000

172 Carpenter Ave, Turenne, Gary T to Christy, Michael, 12/2, $290,000

191 4th St, Delima-Valverde, Edward A to Upshaw, Jouleono I and Villacis, Martha S, 12/2, $250,000

191 4th St, Lebron-Martinez, Alexis and Lebron, Arleen to Uppal, Cristian S and Villacis, Martha S, 12/2, $210,000

195 Scott St, Beriguete, Juana and Rosario, Salvador to Nieves, Javier A, 11/29, $250,000

235 Columbus Ave, Wolcheski, Brenda J and Wolcheski, Ronald J to Wolchrski, Michael R, 12/3, $257,000

263 Parker Ave, Hoydilla, Dawn to KKP Design LLC, 11/30, $162,000

362 Yale Ave, Stocking, Michelle to Ramirez, Lesly and Ramirez, Miguel, 12/3, $268,000

418 Center St, Fedoruk 2nd, Kenneth C to Mcpherson, Bryan, 12/3, $213,500

437 Blackstone Vlg Lot 437, Danialan, Lona to Sid LLC, 11/29, $70,000

506 High Hill Rd, Nutmeg Development Grp to Cicero, Deborah J and Cicero, Jason D, 11/30, $410,000

807 Murdock Ave, Amantea, Diane L to Ryan, Leann, 12/1, $261,000

MIDDLEBURY

12 Independence Cir Lot 12, Oloyede, Temitope A to Sharma, Ankush and Gadireddy, Roshini, 11/29, $500,000

MIDDLEFIELD

162 Main St, Theide, John and Theide, Lucinda to Hall, Bryan and Hall, Shane, 12/6, $115,000

195 Peters Ln, Fazzino, James and Fazzino, Michelle to Micciulla, Michael K, 12/6, $350,000

MIDDLETOWN

Glenwood Ter, Swartz, Nicole A to Pulsifer, Sean R and Apulsifer, Makenzie, 11/24, $290,000

N/A, Abbott, Bruce and Abbott, Jennifer to Candelario, Wilson, 11/23, $116,000

N/A, Wise, Elisabeth to Delmaayergy, Mohame, 11/24, $140,000

8 Hillside Ct, Semond, Dalero and Obrienrosemond, Tasha A to Amilewski, Valerie and Wmilewski, Erik, 11/23, $121,500

54 Washington St, Rosanavarro, Lidia to Snowitz, Jedso, 11/29, $430,000

103 Carriage Crossing Ln Lot 103, Gonzalez, Jaime to Tulma-Wamizan, Janna, 11/29, $101,500

119 Burgundy Hill Ln Lot 119, Schuetze, Timothy M to Oinserra, Gaetan and Rizzo, Vittoria, 11/29, $77,000

189 Fowler Ave, Weber, Nancy and Sun West Mtg Co Inc to Sun West Mtg Co Inc, 11/23, $179,129

MILFORD

Sunset Ave, Graber, Nicholas A and Graber, Julie C to Hakey, Kathleen, 11/29, $440,000

8 York St, Moretti, Joseph to Monaco, Anthony, 11/30, $450,000

9 Willem Ct, Andrew Piekarski T and Piekarski, Andrew to Walter, George and Maguire, Melanie, 11/24, $215,000

10 York St, Moretti, Joseph to Monaco, Anthony, 11/30, $450,000

14 Seaside Ave Lot 14, Donmez, Jack N and Baskin, Nursen to Wylie Family 2021 RET and Kissel, Kari, 11/24, $462,000

23 Greenwich Way Lot 23, Koczeniak, Jason to Clout, Christina M, 11/30, $268,500

28 Merritt Ave, Bank New York Mellon Tr to Thornbery, Daniel J, 11/24, $239,821

35 Flax Mill Ter, Josephine R Wheaton RET and Wheaton, Josephine R to Ornatov, Andrey and Reimer, Marike, 11/30, $730,000

90 6th Ave, Micks Jr, Walter M to Downing, Beverl Y, 11/24, $250,000

279 New Haven Ave Lot B, Sgro, Joseph E and Sgro, Jacqueline B to Melin, Santina L and Grube, Sara, 11/24, $230,000

307 Edgefield Ave, Persson, Ardys and Smith, Mark S to Buchanan, Blake, 11/30, $619,000

458 Meadowside Rd, Kirby, Brett to Majeed, Yasir M and Alkhazraji, Saba, 11/29, $325,000

754 Naugatuck Ave, Ruszkowski, Norman T to Seaberg, Eric and Seaberg, Karin, 11/24, $185,000

MONROE

15 Tanglewood Cir Lot 15, Faulhaber, Joseph E and Faulhaber, Angela to Dombrowski, Mary H, 11/30, $338,000

16 Forest Mdws, Beaumont Beryl Est and Sohon, Michael C to Mason, Anthony, 12/1, $186,000

55 Highland Dr Lot 55, Dona Lyn Wales RET and Wales, Dona L to Valentino, Angelina B, 12/1, $230,000

73 Israel Hill Rd, Sunshine Residences LLC to Bhattacharjee, Subhabrata and Talukdar, Mithu, 12/1, $779,421

104 Maplewood Dr, Serra Rita R Est and Moretti, Laurie to Pantaleo, Christina E and Pantaleo, Joseph A, 12/1, $390,000

194 Cross Hill Rd, Sportini, Sheila to Silva, Marico L, 12/1, $340,000

196 Wheeler Rd, Costello, Lorraine T to Telesco, Jessica R, 11/30, $325,000

1565 Monroe Tpke, Stevenson Properties LLC to Catch A Turtle LLC, 11/30, $995,000

MONTVILLE

18 Chris Dr, Gould, Michael and Gould, Jessica M to Peng, Jule and Li, Jinyu, 11/29, $257,500

34-36 Park Ave, Cosmopoulos, John G to Mandler, Joseph H and Mandler, Matthew T, 11/30, $285,000

54 Dubois Rd, Dessert Jr, George W to Page FT, 11/29, $40,000

187 Kitemaug Rd, Maule, Richard T and Maule, Mary N to Kimball, Robin I, 11/30, $350,000

NAUGATUCK

4 Sherman St, Rosa, Hazel E to Szczesiul, Diane E and Szczesiul, Terrence M, 12/1, $25,000

24 Salem Blvd, Waranowicz, Robert to Agosto, Rosa M and Agosto, Wilfredo, 11/30, $225,000

27 Homestead Ave, Oneil-Meyers, Kathleen M and Oneil, Nancy A to Mccusker, Benjamin F, 11/29, $180,000

33 Pinewood Xing N, Murray, Matthew S and Gibbs, Rachel to Bosse, Anthony E and Bosse, Linda A, 12/2, $425,000

37 Dunn Ave, Agent, Janice H and Devine, Eleanor J to Bajalan, Omar, 11/30, $170,000

44 Tudor Ln, Genest, Joseph to Garcia Jr, Reinaldo C and Figueroa, Clarissa M, 12/2, $200,000

45 Moonlight Cir, Vitale, Jesse A and Vitale, Janet to Quinones, Luis and Quinones, Maira, 12/1, $355,000

83 New St, Pennell, Vilayvanh to Brophy, Vincent and Smith, Glory, 11/29, $274,000

96 Celantano Dr, Biewald, Rainer and Biewald, Frank to Delgado, Antonio C and Delgado, Shayla L, 11/30, $282,500

113 Margaret Cir, Wojtczak, Thelma L to Carey, Joseph D, 11/29, $285,000

114 Phoenix Ave, Charon, Joanne D to Parikh, Rumin H and Parikh, Nimisha R, 12/2, $280,000

120 Salem St, Hughes Jr, Robert J to Delvalle, Gabriela and Delvalle Jr, George, 12/1, $224,900

120 Scott St, Pina, Angel to Deangelis, Cynthia and Almeida, Vanessa, 12/1, $209,000

137 High Ridge Rd, 2017 REI Ffldcty LLC to Zuruba, Mary, 11/29, $295,000

178 N Main St, 178 N Main Street LLC to 178 North Main Street LLC, 12/1, $415,000

NEW BRITAIN

N/A, Sternal, Wanda and Sternal, Barbara to Guziczek, Jacek, 11/22, $75,000

35 Charlene Dr, Anna D Lococo Family IRT and Lococo, Nicola to Kaczynski, Kay M and Kaczynski, Alicja, 11/22, $317,500

56 Westwood Dr, Denuzze, Peter J to Baroni, Bruno, 11/23, $200,000

74 Arch St, Albert, Russell G to Star City Arch St LLC, 11/24, $17,292

74 Arch St, Albert, Robert J to Star City Arch St LLC, 11/24, $17,292

74 Arch St, Albert, Emilie M to Star City Arch St LLC, 11/24, $103,750

74 Arch St, Harrison, Lisa M to Star City Arch St LLC, 11/24, $17,292

74 Arch St, Frati, Susan to Star City Arch St LLC, 11/24, $103,750

74 Arch St, Albert, Rikki A to Star City Arch St LLC, 11/24, $17,292

74 Arch St, Lamickas, Lynn M to Star City Arch St LLC, 11/24, $17,292

74 Arch St, Albert, Ronald M to Star City Arch St LLC, 11/24, $17,292

74 Arch St, Frati Jr, Louis R to Star City Arch St LLC, 11/24, $103,750

126 Biruta St Lot B4, Wojtalik, Karolina to Popielarczyk, Marta and Kowalczyk, Dariusz, 11/24, $85,000

168 Arch St, Albert, Robert J to Star City Arch St LLC, 11/24, $17,292

168 Arch St, Albert, Rikki A to Star City Arch St LLC, 11/24, $17,292

168 Arch St, Lamickas, Lynn M to Star City Arch St LLC, 11/24, $17,292

168 Arch St, Albert, Russell G to Star City Arch St LLC, 11/24, $17,292

168 Arch St, Albert, Ronald M to Star City Arch St LLC, 11/24, $17,292

168 Arch St, Frati, Susan to Star City Arch St LLC, 11/24, $103,750

168 Arch St, Harrison, Lisa M to Star City Arch St LLC, 11/24, $17,292

168 Arch St, Albert, Emilie M to Star City Arch St LLC, 11/24, $103,750

168 Arch St, Frati Jr, Louis R to Star City Arch St LLC, 11/24, $103,750

410 Farmington Ave Lot L4, Dreyer, Shawn P to Yagmin, Michael T, 11/22, $120,000

1500-D Clinic Dr Lot 103, Sternal Stanley Est and Sternal, Waanda to Licenji, Albano and Licenji, Jetmira, 11/22, $45,000

NEW FAIRFIELD

3 Old Bridge Rd E, Franck, Ronny to Valentin, Esther, 11/30, $375,000

6 Eastview Dr, Vessechia Jr, Joseph and Vessecchia, Lisa A to Oviedo, Carlos A and Oviedo, Carlos F, 12/1, $570,000

14 Hudson Dr, Lutz-Jones, Kim to Gordilo-Knop, Milagros G and Knop, Darren L, 11/29, $530,000

30 Beaver Bog Rd, Pimple, Pratik M and Sahay, Kashika M to Staniszewska-Zorn, Marta, 11/29, $635,000

NEW HARTFORD

148 W Hill Rd, Field, Thomas to Woodruff, Michael, 11/29, $450,000

NEW HAVEN

18 Anthony St, Reynolds-Roundtree, A and Roundtree, Willie to Forbes, Melanie, 12/2, $235,000

23 Ellis St Lot 23, Paulino, Mariel M to Gomez Tamayo, Jorge A, 11/30, $178,000

40 Donna Dr Lot B12, Lopes, Mary L to Cancel, Wilfredo and Delgado, Blanca, 12/2, $65,000

40 Foxon Hill Rd Lot G20, 40 Foxon Hill Rd G20 LLC to Lipka, Robin G, 12/3, $175,000

40 Foxon Hill Rd Lot G20, 40 Foxon Hill Rd G20 LLC to Lipka, Robin G, 12/3, $175,000

42 Westerleigh Rd, Clarke, Vinnette and Clarke, Derrick to White, Luz C and White, Edmond O, 11/30, $225,000

47 Wilson St, Freycinet, Clare to Mine, Marc A, 12/2, $235,000

66 Irving St, Minja, Frank to Briceno, Jaime J, 11/30, $305,000

84 Munson St, Santiago, Eligio to 84 Munson LLC, 12/2, $170,000

105 Morris Ave, Hilsenroth Yolanda M Est and Anderson, Jacqueline R to Monahan 2nd, Patrick J, 12/3, $260,000

130 Hobart St, Brown, Wanda J to Duque, Andres F, 12/3, $430,000

132 Hobart St, Brown, Wanda J to Duque, Andres F, 12/3, $430,000

135 Olive St Lot 1A, Greenspire LLC to Lutz, Ian, 12/2, $120,000

137 Water St, Phoenix Realty Dev LLC to HIPCF 1 New Haven LLC, 12/2, $4,300,000

152 Day St, Moskowitz, Alan to Singh, Harinder, 11/30, $170,000

202 Fitch St, Schatz, Brian A to Sap RE Holdings LLC, 11/30, $170,000

210 Fitch St, Schatz, Brian to Sap RE Holdings LLC, 11/30, $180,000

216 Fitch St, Schatz, Brian to Sap RE Holdings LLC, 11/30, $100,000

220 Fitch St, Schatz, Brian to Sap RE Holdings LLC, 11/30, $290,000

230 Upson Ter, Redinger, Robyn to Kissinger, Rebecca C and Degroat-Rice, Theodore, 12/1, $330,000

495 Orange St, Orange Haven Assoc to 495 Orange LLC, 12/2, $900,000

509 Woodward Ave Lot B, Yenter, Timothy P and Yenter, Nicole L to Mesa-Ortega, Juan P, 12/3, $139,000

575 Winchester Ave, New Haven City Of to Sinna, Ali and Sahar, Ahmad S, 12/3, $220,000

1138 Townsend Ave, Zoghbi, Helene C to Daisy T and Cushing, Gretta, 12/2, $510,000

1417 Quinnipiac Ave Lot C, Richard, Dorothy to Pantoja, Felipe, 12/3, $83,000

1417-C Cherry Hill Ct, Richard, Dorothy to Pantoja, Felipe, 12/3, $83,000

NEW LONDON

1 Brainard St, Wells, Steven L and Wells, Edna M to Dematto, Luanne E and Ematto, Enrico A, 11/30, $140,000

35 Walden Ave, Goodwin, Jessica L to Barbosa, Nia R, 11/29, $174,000

200 Montauk Ave, Montauk Properties LLC to Glenstone Dev Pl LLC, 11/30, $150,000

NEWINGTON

24 Timber Ln, Gotta Sr, Gregory M and Ladd, Andrea L to Ileaasu, Fauzia and Yameyaogo, Ileaasu, 11/29, $325,000

43 Churchill Way Lot 43, Cancelliere, Lani to Paterko, Ihor and Paterko, Lyubov, 11/30, $186,000

70 Brace Rd, Emery, Lavonne M to Aaucoin, Christopher and Aucoin, Jessicaa, 11/30, $265,000

80 Knollwood Rd, Devlin Jr, Bradford E and Devlin, Kirsten M to Macri, Lauren Y, 11/29, $290,000

89 Candlewyck Dr, Mckiernan, Brett S and Mckiernan, Laura C to Nardi, Robert J and Nardi, Eileen, 11/30, $330,000

97 Piper Brook Ave, King, Virginia M to Gurung, Babu R, 11/29, $230,000

190 Eddy Ln, Lafrance, Raymond R and Lafrance, Diane J to Mann, Mathew H, 11/29, $340,000

249 Boylston St, Breshani, Famir and Breshani, Majlinda to Green Jr, Lloyd B, 11/29, $355,000

NEWTOWN

4 Harvest Common Rd, Ericmillgram, Kenneth to Grates, Justin and Grates, Jacqueline, 11/29, $600,000

6 Hunting Ridge Rd, Christos, James and Christos, Merredith to Ffulton Jr, Kevin and Mfulton, Amanda, 11/30, $465,000

8 Mohawk Trl, Harlow, Mary and Connex CU Inc to Forte, Bruno, 11/30, $80,001

11 Bonnie Brae Dr, Smith, Susan to Womack, Annette and Womack, Armando, 12/1, $305,000

12 Elm Dr, Ligouri, Adelaard J and Aligouri, Tammi to Pwinter, Kimberly, 12/1, $412,500

16 Blue Spruce Dr, 16 Blue Spruce Dr Rlty to Mendez, Ulises and Mendez, Liana, 11/29, $399,900

17 Washington Ave, Pkin, Sinanse to Walls, Megan, 12/1, $270,000

19 Bonnie Brae Dr, Fazio Pauline E Est and Fazio, Carl J to Ralbohn, Daniel and Schiavo, Nicole P, 12/1, $335,000

23 Whitewood Rd, Tebert, William to Lebert, Kimberly, 11/30, $865,000

27 Sugar St, Thomas, Ashley N to Cooksey, Alyssa M and Cooksey, Samuel H, 11/30, $428,000

29 Bankside Trl, Olmstead, Sharon and Olmsted, Danny to Igorteleshevsky, Sofia, 11/29, $650,000

34 Scudder Rd, Kiernan, Edward T to Brown, Jeffrey V, 11/30, $360,000

40 Brookwood Dr, Glarratano, Peter F to Kinner, Jasons, 11/30, $530,000

42 Tunnel Rd, Sedor Farm LLC to Marek, Joseph, 11/30, $175,000

57 Bear Hills Rd, Perkins, Richard N and Calvinperkins, Joseph to Flips LLC, 12/1, $240,000

59 Woods Ln Lot 59, Gorbin, Olivia and Corbin, Michael to Deane, Stuart S and Deane, Judith B, 12/2, $509,000

125 Alpine Dr, Crea Jr, Anthony to Pumroy, Suzanne and Pumroy, Corey, 11/30, $333,000

NORTH STONINGTON

21 Billings Lake Rd, Kerby, Richard M to Harenda Jr, John W, 12/2, $575,000

52 Cossaduck Hl, North Stonington RE Dev to Montgomery, David and Montgomery, Maureen, 11/30, $112,500

122 Mystic Rd, Denison Wayne L Est and Denison, Jance G to Celico, Timothy P and Trumble, Maura, 12/1, $295,000

NORWALK

Winnipauk Dr, Massimo, Jason L to Deoliveira, Luiz F, 12/1, $535,000

1 Cemetery St, Prime Equities Inc to Mill Pond Hldg LLC, 11/30, $1,750,000

5 Kendall Ct, Petropoulos, Scott J and Macaluso, Christine to Rakotz, Anna and Day, Patrick, 12/1, $460,000

9 Colony St, Kiriakis, Marion to Monroy, Osmin P and Peez-Monroy, Maria Q, 11/30, $454,000

11 Catalpa St, Bassett, Edward R and Bassett, Lea to Pena, Anthony and Pena, Antonio, 12/1, $385,000

14 Devon Ave, Perez, Enrique E and Perez, Sandra R to Abanto-Medina, Jordan F and Abanto-Medina, Jelsin E, 11/29, $499,000

15 4th St, Gray, John P and Gray, Linda to Feratovic, Ferid, 11/29, $493,000

15 Brenner Rd, Gibbons, Cliver R and Gibbons, Karen K to Purcell, Dale, 12/1, $549,900

18 Garner St, Cirifalco, Luigi and Cirifalco, Maria C to Yang, Kenny and Yang, Yazhen, 11/30, $650,000

24 Van Zant St, Ehrismann, Francis P to 24 Van Zant LLC, 11/30, $1,250,000

32 Pine St Lot 8, Vanheyningen, Debra K to Mitchell, Jayana, 11/29, $250,000

49 Day St Lot 404, Dagostino, Alexander and Dagostino, Tiffany G to Diaz, Jordan A and Gouhmid, Zhara, 11/30, $177,500

50 Birchside Dr, Bonaire, Alicia O to Bachran, Joshua and Bachran, Allyn, 11/30, $595,000

78 Woodward Ave, Castneda, Luis and Castaneda, Maria to Jara-Gamarra, Elmer A, 12/1, $500,000

97 Richards Ave Lot F18, Dicrescenzo, Michael to Vitale, John C and Vitable, Amy, 11/29, $310,000

136 Newtown Ave Lot 6, Valieant, William F to Gambuzza, Jaime and Romaniello, William, 11/29, $375,000

138 W Cedar St Lot 2, Peralta, Federico S to Campos-Nunez, Ludovino E and Helena, Rafaelina Q, 12/1, $275,000

138 W Cedar St Lot 1, Rossi, Steven to Melon, Jose E, 11/30, $285,000

198 Main St, 198 Main Street LLC to Lainez, Inocencio G, 11/30, $500,000

NORWICH

N/A, Wheeler, Todd E to Congo LLC, 11/29, $85,000

11 Willey St, Fear Sr, James E to Bunn, Melanie B, 11/29, $228,000

12 Hickory St, Oliver, Jane to Beshai, Erica, 12/1, $82,500

16 Topliff Dr, Korenkiewicz Frank J Est and Korenkiewicz, Jeffrey to White, David J, 12/1, $160,000

25 Albert St, Mui, Yuk H to Deleon, Manery and Deleon, Denise, 11/29, $240,000

25-27 S A St, TNG Investments LLC to Diaz, Katherine, 11/30, $150,000

33 Briar Hill Rd, Sakowski, Jeffrey M to 33 Briar Hill LLC, 11/30, $190,000

71 Hansen Rd, Rivera, Angel and Rivera, Mary E to Dunn, Judeah C and Hylton, Lisa R, 11/30, $209,000

75 Sherman St, Kurasz Alice Est and Kurasz, Thomas A to Ruiz, Miguel A and Latorre, Maria E, 11/29, $179,500

135 Cliff St, Rani, Nayab and Khan, Nahida A to P&H Property Soln LLC, 11/30, $85,000

296 Hamilton Ave Lot 14, Andrade, Priscilla to Hazard, Lori and Hazard, Laurence, 11/30, $165,050

393 Wawecus Hill Rd, Farrah, Constance L to Matlock, Renea D and Dupont, Joan M, 12/1, $366,000

OLD LYME

5 Griswold Ave, Paradis, Kenneth and Paradis, Julie to Menta, Rita, 12/1, $241,500

9-A Sandpiper Point Rd, Eklund FT and Eklund, David A to Volpe, Susannah, 12/1, $220,000

43 Coult Ln, Blanke, Herman and Cushman, Amanda to Mohn, Justin L and Mohn, Erin H, 12/1, $440,000

OLD SAYBROOK

11 Uncas Trl, Goldenbaum, Catherine to Ballard, Charles M and Ballard, Kimberly A, 12/2, $487,500

15 2nd Ave, US Property LLC to Roche 4th, John J and Roche, Teresa M, 12/1, $399,900

ORANGE

4 Lakeside Dr Lot 59, Oak Tree Development LLC to Schaitkin, Mark R, 11/22, $357,929

498 Racebrook Rd, Mathisen Family LT and Mathisen, Brian M to Ramos, Louis and Febus, Maria E, 11/30, $470,000

601 Aspen Ln, Sheppard, Craig D and Sheppard, Cecilia D to Parkhurst, Gregory D and Pereda, Mariel C, 12/1, $675,000

655 Lakeview Rd, Karica, Andi to Morgan, Balfour, 12/1, $405,000

831 Rail Fence Rd, Pemberton, Stephanie Q to Xavier, Phillip F and Stewart, Michelle M, 12/2, $496,000

841 Beechwood Rd, Granfield, Elizabeth A and Keller, Baxter B to Korik, Stephen and Korik, Katherine, 12/1, $430,000

OXFORD

45 Rowland Farm Rd, Glendale At Oxford LLC to Tolster, Patrick E and Tolster, Robin A, 11/30, $365,000

105 Great Hill Rd, Lyons, Marcia to Blanck, Jason J and Jones, Lauren, 11/29, $300,000

122 Meadow Brook Rd Lot 122, Dewitt, Victoria A to Mottram, Harry R and Mottram, Deborah G, 12/1, $425,000

578 Roosevelt Dr, Mawhinney, Kent to Kang, Alexis, 12/1, $387,000

PLAINFIELD

New Rd, Sangermano Properties LLC to Parker, William J and Parker, Kathleen R, 12/1, $65,000

581 Snake Meadow Rd, Kevin S Griffiths RT and Griffith, Kevin S to Greenhalgh, Kathy and Greenhalgh, Scott, 12/2, $325,000

PLAINVILLE

19 Pine St, Saucier, Gloria M and Sauier, Penny A to Vet Real Estate LLC, 12/1, $385,000

35 Basswood St, Donovan, James D and JP Morgan Chase Bank NA to US Bank NA Tr, 12/1, $261,290

57 Fairbanks St, Rodriguez, Carlos and Rodriguez, Lizett to Pelton, Michael and Pelton, Lisa, 12/2, $250,000

236 East St Lot A2, Violette, Maria R to Chadbourne, Linda and Chadbourne, Ashley, 12/3, $115,000

PLYMOUTH

Main St, Plymouth Town Of to Connecticut State Of, 12/2, $30,200

13 Holt St Lot 62, Radke, Danielle to Wysocki, Kelly and Wysocki, Donna A, 12/2, $131,000

21 Jackson St, Mingle, Keri to Clark, Katherine M and Warner, Matthew J, 11/30, $329,900

21 Jackson St, Mingle, Keri and Harper, Jeffrey to Clark, Katherine M and Warner, Matthew J, 11/24, $329,900

39 Eastview Rd, Gage Properties 2 LLC to Amaro, Julio, 11/30, $213,000

43 N Riverside Ave, Macintyre, Abagail to Gruettner, Eric and Gruettner, Heinz M, 12/3, $195,000

187 South St, Faulkner, Lisa and Faulkner, Brian to Calzone 2nd, Stephen L and Calzone, Katherine, 12/1, $280,000

210 Bemis St, Camarillo, Daniel and Camarillo, Angela to Petruzzi 3rd, Peter A, 12/1, $305,000

412 Main St Lot 17, Nelson, Kevin to Stoff, Yessenia, 12/2, $95,500

POMFRET

Quarry Rd, Raynham Inc to Wyndham Land T Inc, 12/2, $780,000

PORTLAND

3 Plumrose Ct Lot 3, Balducci FT and Cole, Tara to Alfano, Andrea G and Alfano, Ralph S, 11/30, $407,000

5 Brooks Ln, Mcnulty Raymond H Sr Est and Mcnulty Jr, Raymond H to Whidbee, Nancy D and Whidbee, Lisa K, 11/16, $261,000

9 Willow St, Boardonaro, Nancy A to Brown, Lisa R, 11/16, $160,000

12 Payne Blvd, Whited, Scott W and Whited, Dorothy L to QOP LLC, 11/23, $865,000

74 High St, Mcginley, Barbara M to Lavigne, Kevin and Lavigne, Michelle B, 11/24, $590,000

149 Bartlett St, Viccaro, Brian J to Foran, Peter, 11/30, $245,000

332 Old Marlborough Tpke, Kowaleski, James B and Kowaleski, Karen F to Watso, Stephen E and Watson, Susan P, 11/18, $560,000

PRESTON

N/A, Schulz, Christine J to Wynosky, Timothy, 12/3, $28,500

42 Mathewson Mill Rd, Richards, Alan to Mclinchey, James, 11/30, $279,000

125 Route 2A, Norwich Central Ave LLC to Lozon, Keith W, 12/2, $219,000

PROSPECT

3 Summit Rd, Palik, Richard O to Gill, Sukhjat K, 12/1, $74,900

119 Summit Rd, Cristo, Nanette C to Lita, Paulite K, 12/1, $385,000

PUTNAM

19 Mohegan St, Phillips, Krystal to Icb Ent Initiative LLC, 11/30, $200,000

21 Mohegan St, Phillips, Krystal to Icb Ent Initiative LLC, 11/30, $200,000

REDDING

3 Pine Mountain Rd, Szokolay, Olga V to Pocchua, Ilona and Poliscuk, Viktorijaa, 11/30, $500,000

9 Woods Way Lot 9, Fisher Jr, John M and Fisher, Marianne B to John L Demelis RET and Demelis, John L, 12/2, $560,000

30 Rockledge Rd, Polcari, Richard and Polcari, Daniela to Xing, Dongxia and Wan, Wai C, 12/1, $762,000

57 Dayton Rd, Alvarez Jr, William E and Alvarez, Elaine to Curatilo, Philip S, 12/1, $830,000

91 70 Acre Rd, Meinhofer, Sonny and Meinhofer, Rosa E to Krasniqi, Arianit, 12/1, $825,000

254 Newtown Tpke, Harwood, Robert and Harwood, Sarah to Zerweck, Jonathan, 12/1, $601,000

RIDGEFIELD

2 Nettle Ln Lot 2, Mclean, Jeremy and Mclean, Julia R to Amdur, Marilyn N, 11/29, $285,000

6 Old Oscaleta Rd, Rumpf, Carole E to Guynn, Evan T and Guynn, Karin C, 12/6, $785,000

6 Quarry Cor Lot 6, Pagano, Jennifer to Monaco, Jeannette, 12/1, $225,000

12 Ramapoo Hill Rd, Guynn, Evan T and Guynn, Karin C to Jowdy Jr, Richard P, 12/1, $470,000

20 Armand Pl, Mcinnes, Laura M and Weiskopf, Paul to Forsmo, Ryan and Forsmo, Lyndsay, 12/1, $815,000

44 Casey Ln, Bucior, Thomas to Martinez-Soto, Jorge E and Moscoso, Fatima, 12/3, $755,000

52 Peaceable St, Rowe, Laura to Koutoulakis, Angela and Farina, Joseph C, 12/1, $1,500,000

79 Acre Ln, Britt, Francis and Britt, Anne to Zemsky, Richard P and Zemsky, Allison P, 12/2, $775,000

91 Golf Ln, Jones, Donald C and Jones, Mary M to Leibrock, Robert W and Leibrock, Lorinn M, 12/6, $1,520,000

209 Mamanasco Rd Lot 209, Smith, Steven and Smith, Lynn to Baughman, Robert and Baughman, Barbara, 11/29, $350,000

288 N Salem Rd, Yang, Jun and Zhang, Hua to Bellaja, Xhevdet and Bellaja, Heije, 12/3, $575,000

435 Bennetts Farm Rd, Guastella, Salvatore G and Guastella, Ava C to Chen, Corina and Cheng, Hiu, 12/2, $425,000

ROCKY HILL

8 Garden St, TCI Realtty LLC to Valentin Sr, Orlando, 11/24, $256,000

15 Nutmeg Ln, Caccomo, Joseph C and Caccomo, Michelle A to Nowakowski, Paul E and Nowakowski, Carolina, 12/1, $390,000

18 Colonial Dr Lot B, Gonzalez, Chelsea and Gregg, Bryant to Zielinski, Nathan, 11/24, $110,000

36 Sunset Rdg, Backer, Robin E to Prasad, Sharad and Sharma, Richa, 11/30, $410,000

39 Brookwood Dr Lot H, Duric, Hata and Duric, Jasna to Jauzovic, Adisa, 12/2, $123,000

64 Rosewood Dr, Witt Ida Est and Matulis Jr, John C to Jaworski, Robert, 11/24, $355,000

85 Brookwood Dr Lot D, Ruiz, Krisztina to Natarajan, Sindhu and Chamarahally, Nitin, 11/24, $135,000

221 Pheasant Dr, Kometti, Richard J and Kometti, Erik R to Drumm, Jonathan, 11/30, $330,000

1401 Harbor View Dr Lot 1401, Duff, Michael to Pazdrak, James A and Pazdrak, Ewa B, 12/1, $131,500

1419 Harbor View Dr Lot 1419, Joslin, Juliana to Walz, James F, 11/24, $115,000

ROXBURY

23 Mallory Rd, Berry, Brigit L to Robinson, George, 11/30, $125,000

33 Mallory Rd, Berry, Brigit L to Robinson, George, 11/30, $125,000

SALEM

29 Forsyth Rd, Eggert Jr, Michael L to Green, Sean R and Green, Jaime L, 12/1, $392,000

117 Sullivan Rd, Murphy, Carol K to Ochoa-Guillen, Romer A and Urtilla-Zarate, Claudia S, 12/2, $292,000

SALISBURY

14 Furnace Rd, Hayes, Austen to Segalla FT and Segalla, Mary L, 12/2, $410,000

32 Pettee St, Wertz, Parker to Cook, Alexander I and Valko, Kathy L, 12/3, $650,000

SEYMOUR

5 Capricorn Dr, Lombardi, Monica B and Pantaleo, Daniel L to Joanne, Burns, 11/29, $250,000

32 Union St, Acatania, Melissa to Kerr, Michelle A and Kerr, Hopeton B, 12/1, $354,000

37 Knorr Ave, Pelaccia, Franco and Pelaccia, Rebecca to Chavez, German and Delgadillo-Chavez, Jessy C, 12/2, $359,000

45-47 French St, Albertin Properties LLC and Alberti, Biagio R to Negreiro, Holly H, 12/2, $329,900

SHARON

40 Robert St, Kish, Randi B to Bekoe, Nathaniel and Reed, Megan E, 11/30, $264,000

58 Jewett Hill Rd, Lewis, Barbara Y to Goupit, Patrick O and Goupit, Martha M, 12/2, $535,000

229 W Cornwall Rd, Singer, Michael D to Lapoint, Jerry J, 11/30, $292,500

SHELTON

Nichols Pl Lot 4, Sound 2 Home Builders LLC to Minopoli, Anthony and Minopoli, Karen, 12/3, $764,250

1-A High Plains Rd, Paige Kenneth Michael Est and Steinmetz, Jennifer L to Intondi, Scott M and Yang, Fan, 11/30, $200,000

1-A High Plains Rd, Steinmetz, Jennifer L and Quinones, Joanne M to Intondi, Scott M and Yang, Fan, 11/30, $200,000

2 Hiawatha Trl, Gawek, Anna and Gawek, Kamil to Weintraub, Gregory, 12/2, $485,000

7 Keron Dr, Digianvittorio, Alan and Pennachio, Janet M to Garcia, Angelo L and Garcia, Annette, 12/2, $392,000

9 Acorn Holw Lot 9, Etudo, Ugochukwu to Bacarella, Leonard A, 12/1, $325,000

11 Falcon Ln, Collins, Brendan to Pillo, Pamela J and Palaka, Patrick R, 12/3, $602,000

25 Country Walk Lot 25, Fay, Linda P to Kuroghlian, Charles and Kuroghlian, Rosa, 12/3, $330,000

27 Isinglass Rd, Novais, Nelson to Rodriguezguzman, Jesus M and Contreras-Parra, Javier S, 12/3, $490,000

31 Whitewood Dr, Rodrigues, Delmino and Rodrigues, Eduarda C to Afonso, Joaquina, 12/1, $450,000

75 Heather Rdg Lot 75, Billingslea, Corie to Russo, Christina, 12/1, $207,000

100 Parrott Dr Lot 1507, Carolyn Muldowney RET and Muldowney, Carolyn to Carmelo, Rafael, 11/29, $550,000

134 Running Brk Lot 134, Wallenfels, Ronald and Herriges, Catherine M to Mcdonald FT and Mcdonald, Therese, 12/1, $405,000

531 Overview Dr, Afonso, Joaquina to Smith, Robert G and Smith, Eileen F, 12/1, $530,000

660 Booth Hill Rd, Skarupa, Linda A to Reid, Danielle and Miletes, Santo, 12/3, $399,900

701 River Rd, Emack, Linda L to Cerreta, Gail and Terranova, Bert, 11/29, $230,000

SIMSBURY

1 Ridgebury Rd, Nachlas, Francine V and Nachlas, Nathan E to Morgan, Nicole and Morgan, Toby, 11/23, $1,200,000

2 Gillette Ct Lot A, Maselli, Brandon T to Mills, Melissa, 11/23, $170,000

5 Laddie Ln, Preiser, David to Konecny, Leah M and Baril, Nicholas A, 12/2, $240,000

6 Quarry Rd, Croft, Lori D to Sehnal, Zachary, 12/2, $234,900

8 Riverwalk Dr Lot 8, Olson, Nancy L to Tracey, John P and Tracey, Virgnia G, 11/30, $300,000

18 Minister Brook Dr, Sharp, Aaron and Sharp, Alyson to Biswas, Animesh and Nag, Ria, 12/2, $430,000

19 Lenora Dr, Alkire, David C and Alkire, Kara to Harper, Keri and Harper, Jeffrey, 11/30, $359,900

20 Neal Dr, D S Arnold&K Dalsanto RET and Arnold, Douglas S to Nascimento, Michael, 12/1, $358,250

20 Wood Duck Ln Lot 20, Davies, Matthew A to Tulabhandula, Krishna C, 11/24, $178,000

28 Woodhaven Dr, Todd, Patrick D to Rubin, Michael, 11/24, $317,000

37 Banks Rd, Prete, John C to Gertzen, Jason A and Gertzen, Rebecca D, 11/23, $418,500

66 Hilltop Dr Lot 66, Mroz, Sheila and Rochelean, Janina M to Kruszewski, Wanda and Kruszewski, Maria, 11/23, $146,100

75 Blue Ridge Dr, Brown, Dshay L and Brown 3rd, Joseph P to Lee, Tatyana and Lee, Steven, 11/29, $425,000

88 Library Ln Lot 88, Lin, Ding S to Swist, Christopher and Lehninger, Marcia, 12/1, $110,000

100 Library Ln Lot 100, Shahhein, Thomas to Shelton, Rob M, 12/1, $118,000

169 Old Farms Rd, Smith, Gerald R and Smith, Doria K to Hurley, Jackson R, 11/30, $450,000

414 W Mountain Rd, Misiorski Family IRT and Misiorski, C P to Brace, Julie and Firestone, Jeffrey, 12/1, $283,000

SOUTH WINDSOR

5 Sea Pave Rd, DEL Realty LLC to Marlborough Dev LLC, 11/30, $125,000

15 Skyline Dr, Kitchens, Michael J and Kitchens, Susan M to Merzongui, Belabbes and Noual, Kheira, 11/30, $370,000

31 Shepard Way, Giridharan, Arun and Chembakamony, Rajaleksshmy to Pokala,

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Hari K, 11/29, $460,000

45 Roy Rd, US Bank NA Tr to Otero, Kelsey, 11/24, $189,900

55 Meryl Rd, Chishti, Moizuddin and Chishti, Rehnuma to Reyes, Johanna E and Reyes, Dawin D, 11/30, $295,000

67 Shepard Way Lot 67, Giridharan, Arun and Chembakamony, Rajaleksshmy to Pokala, Hari K, 11/29, $460,000

109 Summer Hill Dr Lot 109, Dziedzzic, Teresa to Bertone, Eric and Dockum, Darcie, 11/29, $162,000

205 Misty Meadow Ln Lot 205, Fouche, Amanda and Martin, Thomas to Mansur, Sameh M, 11/30, $150,000

1049 John Fitch Blvd, 1049 John Fitch Blvd LLC to Pride LP, 11/30, $1,060,000

1090 Avery St, Hunt, Paul J to Stone Hm Improvement LLC, 11/29, $274,000

1106 Cinnamon Spgs, Bukowinski, Lindsay to Fine, Noah F, 11/30, $121,000

SOUTHBURY

N/A, Mcnellis, Thomas and Mcnellis, Helen to Contreras, Catharine B, 11/29, $190,000

38 Flood Bridge Rd, Gordon, Spencer D to Morrison, Jennifer L, 11/29, $165,500

399 Heritage Vlg Lot F, Monaco, Patricia A to Atun, Julie, 11/30, $195,000

479 Heritage Vlg Lot B, Deane, Shirley W to Stone, Amy M, 12/1, $151,000

1037 Heritage Vlg Lot C, Ambe, Victoria A to Jannace, Patricia, 11/30, $180,000

SOUTHINGTON

Pacer Ln, Lovley Development Inc to Fields, Nancy W and Fields Jr, George C, 11/24, $397,500

34 Old Oak Ct, Hillcrest Homes LLC to Webb, Carlton G, 11/29, $424,600

45 Olson Dr, Fields Jr, George C and Fields, Nancy W to Rodriguez, Alejandro and Rodriguez, Melina, 11/24, $470,400

45 Pacer Ln, Lovley Development Inc to Dangelo, Frances, 11/22, $381,398

54 Brookview Pl Lot 54, Veillette, Roland and Veillette, Marguerite to Hedman, John R and Hedman, Shirley A, 11/29, $272,161

58 Oak St, Ottalagana, Ferdinand R and Ottalagana, Joseph to 58 Oak LLC, 11/29, $165,420

80 Knollwood Rd, Benoit, Barbara L to Martin, Vanessa and Martin, William, 11/22, $420,000

84 Bridle Path Dr, Salmon, Stephen P and Salmon, Linda W to Soltis, David R and Soltis, Laura, 11/30, $480,000

111 N Summit St, Carr, Josephine to Daloia, Ida, 11/22, $156,000

111 N Summit St, Daloia, Ida to Wilson, Brett, 11/24, $190,000

131 Saddlebrook Path, Lopiccolo, Mario T to Robinson 3rd, Ronald G and Robinson, Stephanie E, 11/30, $380,000

150 Burritt St Lot 3E, Schmidt, Jason C to Claffey, Mary, 11/30, $193,000

183 Meriden Ave, Farina Margaret D Est and Baker, Mary E to Roach, Craig D and Roach, Karen F, 11/30, $300,000

194 Carey St, Czarnecki, Daniel J to Babykutty, George, 11/29, $412,000

319 W Center St, Cianci, Jeff and Cianci, Jeffrey to Slomski, Jacob, 11/29, $365,000

427 Marion Ave, Adduci, Edward A to Napolitano, Jordan, 11/24, $257,750

440 Woodruff St, Fuhrman, Marjorie A to Luukko, Markus and Cates, Kelly, 11/22, $275,000

485 Mill St, Schmidt Eleanor Est and Crispino, Joseph R to Albert, Keith and Albert, Jennine, 11/22, $315,000

SPRAGUE

154 Willimantic Rd, Sylvester, Jodie D to Hogan, Michael and Hogan, Susan, 12/1, $265,000

STAFFORD

4 Buckley Hwy, Armstrong Bernhard E Est and Armstrong, Glenn to Wits End Properties LLC, 11/30, $62,750

4 Buckley Hwy, Armstrong Bernice L Est and Armstrong, Glenn to Wits End Properties LLC, 11/30, $62,750

6 Buckley Hwy, Armstrong Bernhard E Est and Armstrong, Glenn to Wits End Properties LLC, 11/30, $62,750

6 Buckley Hwy, Armstrong Bernice L Est and Armstrong, Glenn to Wits End Properties LLC, 11/30, $62,750

7 Susan Dr, Chabot, Jenna to Wood, Jacob M, 11/29, $204,300

19 Burbank Rd, MSL Construction LLC to Fleming, Ryan T, 11/24, $249,900

44 Tolland Ave Lot 72, Jasenski, Katherine to Steullet, Nicole M, 11/24, $158,000

44 Tolland Ave Lot 11, Thibodeau, Lisa M to Nelson, Jean C, 11/30, $129,000

62 Park St, Allen, Steven M and Bank Of New York Mellon to Bank Of New York Mellon, 11/29, $114,750

92 Furnace Ave Lot 60, Leduc, Richard P and Leduc, Nycole L to Panciera Family IRT and Panciera, Timothy P, 12/1, $299,900

STAMFORD

Bangall Rd, Capone-Brid, J B to Bongiorno Children Red, 12/3, $277,500

1 Broad St Lot 18G, Asch, Daniel to Garakani, Amir, 12/1, $642,500

4 Calder Bridge Dr Lot 4, Peter Plaia LLC to Bordes, Michael and Bordes, Robyn, 11/30, $1,500,000

5 Joffre Ct, Olivadese, Vincenzo and Olivadese, Raffaella M to Xhellima, Zija and Xhellima, Mirela, 12/3, $700,000

13 Clovelly Rd, Dawood, Ahmed to Akhter, Shahina and Anika, Nafisa A, 12/2, $600,000

20 North St Lot 2-2, Keating, Sean J and Keating, Ivy to Conte, Antonio J and Conte, Ferdinando, 11/30, $155,000

20 Rock Rimmon Dr, Long, Keith D and Long, Jennifer S to Ohara, Kevin G and Wade, Hanah E, 12/2, $776,222

22 Perna Ln, Makovoz, Albert and Konstorum, Natasha to Webb, Carolyn and Webb, Malcom, 11/29, $520,000

24 Akbar Rd, Barbara J Lynch T and Ayres, Steven E to Cassone, John A and Cassone, Geralyn, 12/1, $630,000

25 2nd St Lot A5, Nemchek, Peter and Byrne, Renee to Shethia, Sweta and Patel, Jekshan, 12/1, $350,000

27 Lindstrom Rd Lot 2D, Devito, Michael to Davis, Linda and Defilippo, James, 11/29, $383,000

29 Donata Ln, Liberti, Michael C and Liberti, Karen L to Mccord, James A and Mccord, Stephanie M, 12/3, $582,500

29 Old Wagon Rd, Eribon Properties Ct LLC to Byrnes, Christopher, 12/3, $1,685,000

30 Ann St Lot 30, Glover, Willie and Nationstar Mortgage LLC to Patel, Rashmi N, 11/30, $270,000

30 Elmcroft Rd Lot 12, Saly, Pavol and Salyova, Maria to Hendrie, Brian T, 12/1, $350,000

30 Richmond Pl, Nabi, Mustaque and Mabud, Abdul to Khatun, Mazeda and Hosen, Md S, 12/2, $620,000

36 Ralph St, Pearson, David P and Pearson, Ann P to Martin, John I and Colvin, Emilee, 11/30, $685,000

43 Bangall Rd, Capone-Brid, J B to Bongiorno Children Red, 12/3, $277,500

45 Ward Ln, Lalanne, Victor to Baktiyer Holdings LLC, 12/2, $500,000

53 Prospect St Lot 106, Vijayasekar, Harshavardhan to Chow, Cho K and Jian, Shao L, 12/2, $125,000

54 Maltbie Ave, Dooney, Kathleen to Bell, Ingrid G and Bell, Lateef, 12/3, $1,100,000

54 Myrtle Ave Lot 10, Sujan, Hemant and Wadhwani, Leena to Delapiedra, Roberto P and Roque, Mariana, 12/2, $320,000

54 W North St Lot 220, Zhou, Xing to Nyquist, Norma and Nyquist, Michael, 11/30, $82,000

60 Strawberry Hill Ave Lot 714, Bergonzi, Katherine M to Handrigan, Petra and Handrigan, Michael T, 11/30, $150,000

61 Seaview Ave Lot 30, Tenenbaum, Richard L and Stein, Barbara to Guo, Honggang and Cui, Hui, 12/1, $660,000

71 Strawberry Hill Ave Lot 919, Lopez, Alexander J to Rhone, Sherron S and Rhone, Christopher, 12/2, $225,000

73 Pershing Ave, Cragin, Stacy L and Cragin 3rd, Thomas M to Kingma, George and Armstrong, Jennifer E, 11/29, $1,030,000

74 Woodbury Ave, Tzoannopoulos, Eugenia to Castro, Ronny and Casanova, Jaiana, 12/2, $699,000

75 Linwood Ln, Dellavalle Robert F Est and Trepp, Christopher to Soller, Evan, 11/30, $460,000

78 Dunn Ave, CK Electric LLC to Hanzlik, Melissa and Schumann, Angela, 12/1, $595,000

79 Victory St, Concetta Polimeni T 1 and Maisner, Anna P to Rastegar, Jacob, 12/1, $872,000

81 Courtland Ave Lot 20, Bagga, Nidhi to C&Carmen Velasquez IRT and Velasquez, C, 12/2, $476,198

88 Pine Hill Ave, Slavinsky, Paul to Morera, Ofelia, 12/2, $515,000

88 Southfield Ave Lot 105, Vetti Sr, Manuel W to Montanari, David, 11/29, $390,000

89 Pepper Ridge Rd, Flannery, William P and Flannery, Brigid D to Chary, Adam, 11/29, $430,000

141 Lockwood Ave, 147 Lockwood Avenue LLC to Martinez, Juan C, 12/1, $575,000

141 Lockwood Ave, 141 Lockwood Partners LLC to Martinez, Juan C, 12/1, $625,000

158 Dundee Rd, Mcintosh, Gary R and Mcintosh, Jennifer E to Bonacuso, Janine, 11/29, $899,000

162 Lockwood Ave, Batista, Moira S to Stamwood LLC, 11/29, $362,500

168 Colonial Rd Lot 7, Rodas, Jorge to Freed, William and Ma, Kimberly, 12/3, $731,250

180 Colonial Rd Lot C3, Ward Jr, Thomas F to Didonato, Jaclyn L and Malchar, Vincent M, 11/30, $335,918

186 Seaton Rd Lot 2, Marenco, Graciela S to Mandujano, Rafael and Mandujano, Margarita, 11/30, $250,000

249 Belltown Rd, Olsen, Susan M to Cacchione, Benjamin J and Cacchione, Teresa A, 11/29, $525,000

255 Strawberry Hill Ave Lot C1, Weiss, Kirtiman H to Rachinsky-Wood, John M and Colindres, Amy, 12/1, $385,000

320 Strawberry Hill Ave Lot 12, Myra S Boxer RET and Boxer, Myra S to Mehta, Nikhil and Talathi, Prachi, 12/2, $530,000

321 Ocean Dr E, Ammerman-Gerke, C J and Ammerman-Gerke, Kimberly A to Catino, Elizabeth K and Catino, Brian R, 12/2, $1,185,000

383 Sylvan Knoll Rd, Najjar, Bianca to Morrobel, Patricia, 12/2, $255,000

397 Sylvan Knoll Rd, Gamble, Desmond C to Donahue, Shannon and Donahue, Barbara, 11/29, $225,000

718 Cove Rd Lot 4, Shulick, Brett to Nowlin, Lorraine M, 12/1, $275,000

850 E Main St Lot 501, Ginsburg, Frances W to Tozzo, Brianna L, 11/30, $480,000

970 Hope St Lot 5A, Delvecchio, Cara A to Walters, Andrea, 12/1, $240,000

1062 Hope St, Angelo R Ferrara T and Ferrara, Anthony C to Springdale Center Assoc, 12/3, $2,000,000

1084 Westover Rd, Rosas, Carlos W and Toribio, Elizabeth P to Parasram, Patrick P, 12/1, $980,000

1307 Hope St Lot A3, Pena, Patricia G to Miranda, Andrew, 11/30, $290,000

1633 Washington Blvd Lot 4H, Moran, Mark to Tirado, Gladys V, 11/29, $305,000

STONINGTON

13 Robin St, Kondaur Capital LLC to Rossignol, Bruce and Rossignol, Holly, 11/29, $250,000

53 E Main St, Reddick, Gordon B to Williams, Michael, 12/1, $455,000

57-59 Prospect St, Carroll Margaret H Est and Tornberg, Margaret C to Withington T LLC, 12/2, $251,500

95 Water St, Cerretti, Antu J and Cerretti, Alexis P to Coyle, Marshelle and Coyle, Edward J, 12/2, $860,000

103 Elmridge Rd, Gilman, Colin and York, Hannah to Gray, Richard A and Gray, Rae A, 12/1, $360,000

156 River Rd, Cappelano, Peter T and Cappelano, Yvonne A to Angello Jr, Samuel J, 11/30, $265,000

257 River Rd Lot B29, Oconnell, Reid K and Oconnell, Gail H to Cruz, Edwin D, 11/30, $45,000

334 Deans Mill Rd, Brunetti, Ronald J and Brunetti, Cynthia A to Spanbauer, Richard J and Spanbauer, Christine M, 11/29, $782,500

STRATFORD

N/A, Arton, Violet A to Borowska, Katarzyna and Kutyna, Bozena, 11/30, $21,500

15 Orange St, Powell, Tommie L to Gal-Suarez, Jorge H, 11/30, $259,000

29 Anderson St, Barnum, Barbara A to Chaudhary, Shahzaib R, 11/29, $90,000

46 Ketcham Rd, Deutsche Bk Natl T Co Tr to Chiluisa, Jorge A and Chiluisa, Victoria L, 11/30, $178,000

67 Cedar Knoll Dr, Moroni Gary A Est and Sandor, Valerie to Ferguson, Shatawn M, 11/29, $480,000

77 Lincoln St, Carcamo, Juan J and Guevara, Karla V to Saldivar, Inocente, 11/30, $423,000

85 Saint Michaels Ave, Mikan, Marko to Mikan, Jason M and Mikan, Justin M, 11/29, $250,000

125 Warner Hill Rd Lot 128, Morrissey, Michael P to Gagliardo, Heidi, 11/29, $180,000

125 Warner Hill Rd Lot 134, I M&Alison W Logie RET and Logie, Ian M to Feshazion, Tesfamichiel and Feshazion, Linda, 11/29, $175,000

186 Glenwood Ave, Powell, Tara A and Powell, Timothy M to Kelly, Susan C, 11/30, $400,000

200 Dewey St, Deliz, Maria to Deonis-Davis, Federico and Richards, Lydia, 11/29, $305,000

320 2nd Ave, Krumins, Lisa and Howland, Gary R to Shenasky-Oleary, Amy and Oleary, Aaron, 11/29, $585,000

1278 Broadbridge Ave, Smart, Maisha to Adams, Owen and Cunningham, Amanda, 11/29, $356,000

1308 Huntington Rd, Freedericks, Jean to Klinko, Amber L and Klinko, Joseph R, 11/29, $278,351

1319 E Main St, Taccogna, Joseph and Taccogna, Elizabeth A to Kazanas, Christina, 11/29, $330,000

1410 Honeyspot Rd Ext, Amec Holdings LLC to Honeyspot Recycling Rlty, 11/30, $5,600,000

SUFFIELD

15 Daventry Hill Ln Lot 15, Yousefzadeh, David and Shindo, Nirona to Bassett, Rachel, 11/29, $240,000

22 Pebblestone Cir Lot 22, Corsini, Peter M to Marker, Kimberly, 11/29, $185,000

348 Mapleton Ave, Woodworth, Joellen G to Custom Hm Dev Group LLC, 12/1, $215,000

563 Mountain Rd, Parker, Darcey J to Dias 3rd, Arthur F, 11/29, $415,000

1722 Hill St, Susan M Marsh RET and Marsh, Susan M to Noonan Jr, Michael P and Noonan, Carly L, 11/29, $425,000

THOMASTON

8 Ada Dr, Sandblom, Kelly to Woods, Christina M and Druan, Zachary J, 12/2, $350,000

43 Edgewood Ave, Castillo, Celenia to Sirochman, Michael, 11/29, $170,000

640 Jackson St, Mingle, Keri and Harper, Jeffrey to Clark, Katherine M and Warner, Matthew J, 11/24, $329,900

THOMPSON

23 Vandall St, Verheggen Pamela S Est and Verheggen, William to Moore, Dana and Atterberry, John, 11/30, $47,250

23 Vandall St, Surprenant, Dennis R and Surprenant, Richard H to Moore, Dana and Atterberry, John, 11/30, $141,750

38 Hillside Ave, Danielson Sr, Carl V to Mead, Morgan, 11/30, $145,000

75 Elmwood Hill Rd, Burnett, Crissy to Crespin, Marvin, 11/29, $339,900

723 Quaddick Town Farm Rd, Wood, Mark P and Wood, Heidi to AOI LLC, 11/30, $425,000

729 Quaddick Town Farm Rd, Amato, Kathleen M to Lemme, Jason and Lemme, Sarah, 11/30, $300,000

TOLLAND

66 Wildwood Rd, Mercik, Michael and Mercik, Kristin to Dejesus, Patricia P and Villavicencio, Bryan, 11/30, $520,000

71 Crestwood Rd, Dotson, Jeffrey W and Webster, Valerie A to Spielman, Ethan W and Spielman, Kylee A, 12/1, $226,000

129 Mountain Spring Rd, Chambers, Constance L to DWRE Construction LLC, 12/1, $267,000

207 Mountain Spring Rd, Garrison, Dawn to Francis, Connor and Warner, Jennifer, 12/1, $224,900

221 Slater Rd, Matarazzo, Paul S to Smith, Robert L and Smith, Robin T, 11/29, $75,000

308 Grahaber Rd, Biron, Benjamin to Sanchez, Rolando, 12/1, $360,000

487 Mile Hill Rd, Drake, Elizabeth M and Drake, Debra A to Benoit, Marissa and Patsun, Jeremy, 11/29, $230,000

513 Tolland Stage Rd, Bolliger Family LT and Bolliger, Scott W to Zapala, Christine M and Zapala, Thomas H, 11/30, $440,000

TORRINGTON

10 Evergreen Rd, Wagner, Rees R to Galligan, David J and Galligan, Cheryl L, 12/2, $12,000

41 Boston St, Adams, Justin M and Torres, Amanda R to Oliveira, Sergio and Canales, Maria L, 11/30, $230,000

64 Hoffman St, Brown, Brett A and Brown, Michelle A to Schweitz, Shinji C and Schweitz, Kelsey T, 12/3, $240,000

73 Cole St, Parish, Preston E to Strevel, Theresa, 12/1, $335,000

76 Country Club Rd, Salcedo, Roger and Brigg-Salcedo, Lori A to Baez, Denise, 12/3, $260,000

78 Iowa St, Locust Properties LLC to Naranjo-Paredez, Carlos F, 12/2, $109,000

177 E Pearl St, Wells Fargo Bank NA to Berger, David, 12/1, $100,000

232 E Pearl Rd, Bravo-Romero, Carlos to Perez, Wanda I, 12/2, $155,000

271 Cliffside Dr Lot 271, Leonard, Rachel to Darcangelis, Charles and Darcangelis, Diane, 11/30, $150,000

683 Winsted Rd, Winsted Plaza LLC to Caspian Realty LLC, 12/2, $1,350,000

3446 Torringford St, Mack, Jeremy J to Wisausky, Barbara R, 11/30, $130,000

TRUMBULL

Flora Hl, Jaroszewski, Raymond to Depaula, Fernando, 11/24, $440,000

Knollcrest Dr, BCM Ventures LLC to Beaudry, Robert A, 11/30, $19,000

Madison Ave, Esposito, Lawrence B to Gubolin, Nelson R, 12/1, $549,500

9 Lane Ave, Amato Dominic J Est and Minalga, Gwendolyn to Ramirez, Victor A, 11/30, $480,000

12 Doris St, Anna Mae Gallo 1992 T and Gallo, Anne M to Falco 3rd, Victor A, 11/24, $440,000

29 Parkway Dr, Henderson, James B and Henderson, Allison B to Portillo, Miriam J, 11/29, $455,000

34 Clemens Ave, Cahill, Steven D to Longo, Raffaele, 12/1, $386,500

34 Mallett Dr, Festi, David to Piro, Monika and Piro, Robert P, 12/1, $665,000

109 Gilbert Dr, Kalcar Corp to Tsombanidis, Kostas and Tsombanidis, Marcela, 11/24, $560,000

141 Ridgeview Ave, Parker Theresa Est and Onze, Todd to Souza, Eder, 11/24, $353,500

198 Old Dike Rd, 198 Old Dike Road LLC to Jerome, Vanessa and Jerome, Roger A, 12/3, $960,000

440 Pitkin Holw Lot 440, Joan A Mercurio RET and Mercurio Jr, Carl A to Aggarwal, Neeraj and Vora, Komal, 12/1, $370,000

7144 Main St, Rowan Properties LLC to Rual Properties LLC, 12/3, $1,200,000

7148 Main St, Rowan Properties LLC to Rual Properties LLC, 12/3, $1,200,000

7176 Main St, Rowan Properties LLC to Rual Properties LLC, 12/3, $1,200,000

VOLUNTOWN

63 Ekonk Hill Rd, Lee, Thomas M and Johnson, Michalene A to Young, Frances A, 11/29, $175,000

484 Wylie School Rd, Williams Eric J Jr Est and Williams Jr, Eric J to Holland, Rachel and Holland, Henry, 11/29, $285,000

WALLINGFORD

N/A, Morrison Jr, Robert B and Morrison, Nancy H to Torres, Alexis and Kowalski, Sarah, 11/30, $580,000

N/A, 846 E Center LLC to East Center Placa Inc, 12/1, $2,600,000

11 Gaylord Farm Rd, Storm, Thomas J to Mancini, Donna L, 12/3, $308,000

11 Ridgeland Rd, Benard, Chelsea E to Ridgeland Road Wallinford, 12/3, $416,670

14 Laurel Ridge Ct, Fernandez, Carlos A and Then-Cabrea, Chrisfel to Dadio, Harry J and Dadio, Brittany J, 12/2, $396,000

14 Nod Brook Rd, Mongillo, Beth A to Weber, Erin E, 12/1, $322,500

18 Tammy Hill Rd, Boeher, William E to Kestecher, Marc D and Kestecher, Elaine M, 12/2, $510,000

22 Hallmark Hill Dr Lot 22, Deegan, Michele A to Meyer, Brian A and Meyer, Karen A, 12/3, $206,150

24 Kingsland Ave, Lynch, Kevin V and Lynch, Gennifer to Lovallo, Daniel J and Lovallo, Kiowa J, 12/2, $350,000

42 S Cherry St Lot 117, Mazzoli Jr, Daniel to Johnson, John, 12/3, $92,500

53 Harrison Ave, Gerace Sr, John and FNMA to Foley Jr, Michael P, 12/3, $45,000

55 Circle Dr, Doerner Janet A Est and Doerner, Mark W to Mrozowski, Taylor, 11/30, $210,000

83 Fairview Ave, Joslin, Naureen J to Macdonald, Faith and Mcgrath, Connor, 12/2, $350,000

141 N Ridgeland Rd, Ridgeland North LLC to Rodgeland Road Wallingfor, 12/3, $416,670

151 N Ridgeland Rd, Ridgeland North LLC to Ridgeland Road Wallinford, 12/3, $416,670

198 N Colony St, Hudon, Anthony M to Trieu, Thuy K, 12/1, $139,000

618 Williams Rd, Peterson David A Est and Peterson, Dana H to Drozdz Bozena Jozefa Est, 12/2, $240,000

WASHINGTON

11 Pleasant View Dr, Johnson, Michael R and Johnson, Katherine A to Anderson, Samantha R, 12/2, $348,000

273 Baldwin Hill Rd, Falcon Associates LLC to Henne Homes LLC, 12/1, $685,000

WATERBURY

Baldwin St, Houle, Robert J and Houle, Monique C to Aguayza-Lema, Luis G and Pomaquiza, Maria E, 11/29, $190,000

Commonwealth Ave, Lupachino, Peter and Lupachino, Nicole to Chamorro, Nicolas, 11/19, $25,000

Hillside Ave, Water Talmudic Institute to 134 Hillside Ave LLC, 11/29, $19,000

Kara Dr, Gagne Jr, Leo H and Gagne, Joanne to Garcia, Rosbin A and Reyes, Roselia, 12/2, $162,000

Sudbury St, Elliott, Traci B to Xhuti, Alfred and Xhuti, Zhuljeta, 11/19, $52,000

2 Craftwood Rd Lot 7, MTS Development LLC to Mayfield, Simone D, 11/30, $92,700

7 Birchfield Dr, Jennifer Investments LLC to Paguay, Janett and Castillo, Ruben M, 11/23, $275,900

7 Newport Dr, Helie, David and Helie, Mary M to Reyes, Nelson S and Sanchez, Miguelina G, 12/3, $261,700

10 Kay Ln Lot E, Carey, Glenn to Sanzari, Justin D, 12/2, $80,000

11 Lilac Ln Lot 147, Marcil, Mark L and Marcil, Theresa L to Krechevsky, David B and Krechevsky, Katherine F, 11/16, $425,000

12 Deerwood Ln Lot 1, Aubertin, William to Balsara, Riyaz G and Balsara, Akila R, 11/24, $75,000

12 Harvard St, Warner, Joseph to Alexander, Mark, 11/12, $270,000

15 Kay Ln Lot K, Omaha Prop Manager LLC to Chestnut, Carlene, 11/29, $77,000

15 Warner St, Luna, Matthew M to Robinson, Sean A, 12/1, $145,000

16 Ayers St, Dias, Ernesto T and Dias, Fernanda to Byd Holdings LLC, 11/9, $860,000

16 Tamarack Ct Lot 358, Toll CT LP to Kontulis, Rayanne A, 11/22, $191,125

17 Frederick St, Contreras, Leonicia to Orellana, Guido V and Alvarezrivadenneira, E J, 12/2, $250,000

17 Meriden Rd, Burton, Richard T and Burton, Joan to Burtons Monument Shop LLC, 11/30, $105,000

17 Rosedale Ave, Conner, Michael T to Sainfleur, Shasalee L and Sainfleur, Jefferson, 11/23, $175,000

18 Fanning St, Berube, Robert L and Berube, Eleanor T to Quintana, Rose M, 11/29, $100,000

18 La Flamme Dr, Ventura, Maria A to Pinto, Ricardo P, 12/1, $215,000

18 Meriden Rd, Burtons Monument Shop Inc to Burtons Monument Shop LLC, 11/30, $75,000

20 Garland St, Agron, Jennifer to Burke, Trevor, 11/23, $353,000

20 Herkimer St, Fogarty, Emily H to Douglas, Uroy D, 11/22, $183,000

20 James St, Emunah LLC to Maldonado-Lopez, Sergio R, 12/1, $165,000

21 Easton Ave, K Mccoy Real Estate to Lynch, Tennesha N, 11/29, $170,000

21 Eastwood Ave, Jenkins, Kamief and Jenkins, Stepahnie A to Martinez, Rosemery M, 11/30, $221,000

21 Middle St, Melka, Arie and Melka, Nathalie to Belliard, Ana, 11/24, $250,000

22 Wadsworth St, Johnson, Thomas D to Murtagh Jr, Daniel J, 11/9, $290,000

23 Emerald Pines Rd, Abrar, Mansoor H and Abrar, Muhammad R to Attah, Seth W, 11/22, $308,000

24 Olena Ave, Holloway, Prudence V to 142 S Cliff LLC, 11/22, $90,000

24 Twining Ave, Cranick, Paul A to Vidal, Luis and Quinonez, Melissa, 11/9, $199,900

25 Deerwood Ln Lot 5, Dudley, Angela to Dowgiallo, Crystal, 12/3, $119,000

26 Cooper Dr, 26 Cooper Drive Inc to Reyes, Carmen, 11/17, $230,000

26 Putnam St, Ortiz, Angel to Dougan, Jason, 11/29, $230,000

27 Tamarack Ct Lot 366, Toll CT LP to Solomon, Stuart and Solomon, Ellen, 11/12, $191,125

28 Alyce Ter, Martin Jr, William E and Martin 3rd, William E to Green, Tiffany, 11/18, $345,000

30 Sharon Rd Lot 7, Mahmood, Tariq to Kausar, Rehana, 11/12, $40,000

30 Vail St Lot 3, Mccoy, Kizzy to Zaltz, Israel, 11/12, $70,000

33 E Liberty St, Pires, Nelson W to Lalvay, Luis and Pani-Arpi, Maria C, 11/17, $155,000

33 Maynard Ave, Nelson, Nigel to Bell, Sonia and Bell, Devonnie, 11/15, $310,000

35 E Mountain Vlg, South Mill LLC to New Haven Holdings LLC, 11/30, $65,000

35 E Mountain Vlg, Barbino, John to New Haven Holdings LLC, 11/30, $65,000

35 E Mountain Vlg, Barbino, John to New Haven Holdings LLC, 11/30, $66,000

35 Mountain Village Rd Lot 16, Krasniqi, Jetmire to Baldeo, Indranie R, 11/16, $73,000

35 Wedgewood Dr, Davino, Michael to Cavilla, Emilia, 11/12, $291,999

41 Adelaide Ave, Nutmeg State Homes LLC to Velme, Michael, 11/18, $172,500

42 Columbia Blvd, Moravek, Joanne and Caswell, Peter R to Elefant, Gershom and Elefant, Malka, 12/2, $185,000

42 Wislock St, Kontulis, Rayanne A to Marrero, Edgardo, 11/24, $245,000

43 Robincrest Dr, Becce, Joseph to Hernandez, Heriberto A, 11/17, $185,000

44 Peach Orchard Rd, Magi, Joanne to Sherwood, Edwiges B and White, Bronson, 11/18, $225,000

45 Blake St, Pascucci, Vincent to Anderson, Oscar L, 11/26, $195,000

45 Bracewood Rd, Nutter, Katherine to Hayes, George C, 11/9, $175,000

48 Evergreen St, USA HUD to Vaszuez, Milton F, 11/12, $173,000

48 Olympia Ln, Gutfreund, Aharon M to Olympia Estates LLC, 11/29, $375,000

49 Wooster Ave, Arcuri, Jodie to Mccorvey, Julissa, 11/12, $235,000

50 Diane Ter, Paoletto, Mario and Paoletto, Linda R to Rodriguez, Jacqueline, 11/10, $145,000

50 Shirley St Lot 2, Colpan, Sibel to Curtis Jr, Franklin D, 11/23, $90,000

51 Thomas St, Marquis, Normand to CFB Harvest LLC, 12/1, $105,000

51 Wildemere Ave, Newmark, Cathleen F to Blagrove, Patrick, 11/9, $231,000

52 Deerwood Ln Lot 6, Cote, Adrian to Valentin, Gira I, 11/30, $78,700

54 Southview St, Medina, Aida L to Mayancela-Loja, Luis A and Mayancela, Anita L, 11/10, $165,000

55 Wilkenda Ave, Wheeler, Kelly A to Muniz, Bridget A, 12/1, $150,000

56 Rockwell Ave, Keating, Robert D and Keating, Patti A to Cuevas, Carlos D and Pimentel, Merifel, 11/12, $230,000

57 Wheeler St, Eleid, Ghassan to Onianwa, Anthony N and Lawson, Maxine A, 11/17, $205,000

60 Newport Dr, Mccandless, Timothy A and Mccandless, Robin T to Burke, Jamie T and Burke 3rd, Robert H, 11/29, $265,500

61 Arden Rd, Santa, Mauricio and Santa, Yesira to Brooks, Xavay J, 11/23, $230,000

61 Knoll St, Bethel, Brian B to Wtby 5 Development LLC, 11/9, $105,000

62 Haddad Rd, Hernandez, Michael and Fermin, Stacey to Williams, Cassandra L and Williams, Derrick, 12/2, $335,000

64 Deerwood Ln Lot 5, Kenworthy, David C to Camp, Gary R and Fico, Rosann M, 11/15, $80,000

69 Tudor St, Irr Properties LLC to Villavicencio, Silvia G, 11/29, $75,000

70 Edwin Ave, 70 Edwin Avenue LLC to 233 Congress Avenue LLC, 11/19, $365,625

74 Edson Ave, T&O RE Dev Group LLC to Villa, Ninfa, 11/17, $185,000

76 Edgewood Ave, Ranaudo, Jerry to Khalian, Patricia N, 11/22, $200,000

82 Hillcrest Ave, Tiru, Angela to Enrique, Jorge and Usuga-Rijas, Ana P, 11/15, $179,000

83-85 S View St, Rodrigues, Mario and Rodrigues, Marcela C to Karmas Management LLC, 12/1, $170,000

88 Oak St, 88 Oak Ave LLC to Mitchell-Hoffler, Thomas K, 11/24, $65,000

90 Oldham Ave, Chasse, Jonathan P to Hernandez, Jose R and Hernandez, Janaya D, 11/19, $255,000

92 Plainfield Dr, Miller, Karen A to Saba-Gutierrez, Byron F and Monroy, Marlenee M, 11/22, $265,000

94 Cottage Grove Ln, Premier Specialty Foods to Plunkett, Rohan, 11/23, $260,000

94 Macarthur Dr, Trombly, Christine M to Bella Investment LLC, 11/23, $195,000

94 Sunnyside Ave, Town Plot Student Hsng to Abraham Stock Hldg LLC, 11/22, $480,000

95 Sprucedale Dr, Butler, Christine to Mercado, Brandon and Mercado, Carmina, 11/19, $252,500

96 Greenview Dr, Dias, Mark M to Lathlean, Gary R and Lathlean, Victoria A, 11/29, $230,000

96 Jillson Cir, Mckay, Willie to Johnson, David, 11/24, $329,999

98 Malmalick Ave, Spinella, Vincent to Naranjo, Juan, 11/9, $242,500

100 Blueridge Dr Ext, Majeski, Allan and Majeski, Metal to Wallach, Chaim A and Krieger, Chanie G, 11/9, $335,000

102 Oldham Ave, Torres Jr, Juan A to Pizarro, Joushua M, 11/10, $160,000

108 Horseshoe Dr, Mcdowell, Christopher to Johnson, Monique F and Johnson, Ricardo L, 11/12, $208,000

110 Park Rd, Ricciardi, Martha P to Fresh Start LLC, 11/10, $85,000

111 Fanning St, Melchionne, Helene G to Abreu, Jose and Abreu, Veronica, 11/30, $207,500

114 Seymour St, Mangini-Holper, Mary A and Holper, John S to Cadette, Neusa, 11/22, $176,000

116 Wolcott St, Yagual, Mario F to Nutter, Katherine, 11/9, $130,000

117 Euclid Ave, Regan, Ruth H to Lowenthal, Avi and Lowenthal, Miriam, 12/3, $330,000

129 Taft Pt Lot 4, Derienzo, Carla to Hager, Cynthia A, 11/10, $183,000

139 Elliott Ave, Malin, Micaela to Lembert, Angel F and Rivera, Zaiveth G, 11/15, $209,500

139 Hillside Ave, Baril, Charles A and Baril, Raymonde N to 139 Hillside Ave WB LLC, 11/18, $450,000

147 Mansfield Ave, Colon, Jeffrey and Colon, Alexandra to Mairena, Stephanie, 11/23, $155,000

150 Blueridge Dr Ext, Bais Development LLC to Berger, Avraham and Kirsch, Rachel F, 11/19, $279,475

150 Mark Ln Lot K5, Sinche, Angel V and Chamorro, Blanca to Mark Lane Condos LLC, 11/29, $78,000

150 Mark Ln Lot L8, Lokaj, Haki to Mark Lane Condos LLC, 11/17, $80,000

155 Congress Ave, Francis, Robert J to Bailey, Donald W, 11/23, $225,000

156 N Harker Ave, Valentin, Lourdes to Vasquez, Elvis and Vasquez, Maya J, 11/16, $340,000

157 Clinton St, Martin, Robert P and Martin, Mary E to Plaza, Luz C, 11/15, $195,000

159 Newton Ter, Hales, Christopher M and Hales, Deanna M to Guerrero, Edward, 11/18, $273,000

165 Juniper Ridge Dr, Santiago, Gloria to Faherty, Sean, 11/30, $257,000

173 Hillside Ave, Tarte, Conrad A to Higgins, Nicole S and Dixon, Elaine V, 11/15, $320,000

178 Forest Ave, Crudele, Teresa to Woods, Robert W, 11/15, $250,000

180 Grilleytown Rd Lot 8, Forte, Mark J to Jacobs, Rhonda, 12/1, $169,900

181 Ardsley Rd, Gaenzler, Thor to Peters, Manellva Y, 11/15, $265,000

183 Alexander Ave, Ison, Ricky and Ison, Tanya to Chunilall, Chitralekha and Chunilall, Leelawatie, 11/22, $285,000

196 Pembroke Ave, Beaudoin, Michael and Cerutti, Michael to Vargas, Henry, 11/16, $106,000

206 Beth Ln, Gaskin, Willie A to Favereau, Michael J, 12/3, $190,000

208 Newridge Ave, Gouveia, Brook E and Gouveia, Ewerton to Phengvath, King J and Phengvath, Stacey S, 11/17, $280,000

215 Oakville Ave, Edwards, Meghan to Peters, Alice and Peters, Ransome, 11/22, $165,000

215 Wall St, Gray, Christine M and Gray, Baltimore to Bryan, Patrick, 12/1, $195,000

223 Arline Dr, Castro, Luis and Baez, Santo to Ocasio, Arline, 11/29, $320,000

224 Benefit St, Estrada, Edwin J to Wallace, Kemar E, 11/9, $222,000

273 S Leonard St, Dias, Ernesto T and Dias, Fernanda to Byd Holdings LLC, 11/9, $860,000

286 Beth Ln Lot 9, Bartlett Contracting LLC to Dwyer, Michael E and Gonzalez, Emilse D, 11/22, $250,000

289 Spring Lake Rd, Gronau, Larry and Gronau, Jeanne E to Busaenthong, Chatchavan, 11/15, $65,000

300 Scott Rd, Persinger, Randy J to Smith, Rhonda, 11/16, $180,000

302 Wilson St, Chimbo, Blanca G to Picoy, Pedro R, 11/12, $336,000

342 Wolcott St, Gordon, Winston and Gordon, Ingrid to Bowser, Rickie, 11/24, $109,000

352 Robinwood Rd, Lapidge, Janet to Papuga, Alyssa C, 11/29, $168,000

370 Colonial Ave Lot 2D, Dias, Ernesto T to Byd Holdings LLC, 11/9, $290,000

372 Ardsley Rd, Obrien, Christopher D to Mckenzie, Suzette N, 11/26, $305,000

380 Hitchcock Rd Lot 186, Keefe, Ryan P to Andrews, Taylor D, 11/12, $158,000

415 Wilson St Lot 5, Guerrera, Marnie M to Random Apartments LLC, 11/17, $66,000

516 Wolcott St, Singh, Gurpreet and Singh, Upinder to Ocasio, Ricky, 12/3, $149,000

562 Columbia Blvd Ext, Perfect Homes LLC to Carr 4th, Willie J and Fracassini, Bianca L, 12/3, $205,000

585 Park Rd Lot 9-7, Albano, Laurie A to Surprise, Michael J, 12/1, $110,000

585 Park Rd Lot 7-2, Fappiano, James P to Ortiz, Nathalia V, 11/19, $123,000

778 Congress Ave, Dowling, John E and Dowling, Barbara L to Ortiz, Flor and Ortiz, Lilliam E, 12/1, $250,000

781 Washington Ave Ext, Migliarese, Theodore and Migliarese, Frank to Lopez, Martha, 11/23, $205,000

827 Oronoke Rd Lot 9-5, Bozzuto, Steven R to Lucarelli, Stephanie, 11/12, $130,000

895 Hamilton Ave Lot 1, Kakeranas, Laimute to Balsara, Riyaz G and Balsara, Akila R, 11/24, $92,000

925 Oronoke Rd Lot 32G, Jac Management LLC and Calcagni, John A to Adamson, David H, 11/17, $113,000

925 Oronoke Rd Lot 19H, Perreault, Lorrie to Leblanc, Bryan, 11/26, $155,000

936 Cooke St, Fenton, Beclin J to Maye, Deborah, 11/18, $270,000

975 Meriden Rd Lot 44, Barbino, Patricia to Balsara, Riyaz G and Balsara, Akila R, 11/22, $93,000

975 Meriden Rd Lot 65, Palmerie, Valerie J to G&G Housing LLC, 11/22, $87,500

1159 Highland Ave Lot 13A, Sadlon, Anne B and Sadlon Jr, Richard D to Onofrio, Ryan J, 11/23, $140,000

1424 Thomaston Ave Lot 15, Colon, Carmen M and Quinones, Jose A to Saldana, Madeline and Alvarado Jr, Kevin K, 11/22, $82,000

3211 E Main St Lot 10, Lucker, Aaron M to Tessier, Scott E and Lee-Tessier, Robin M, 11/10, $85,000

3233 E Main St Lot D, Veliaj, Rezart to Mcmanus, Brian, 11/23, $97,500

3239 E Main St Lot E, Mengacci, Paul J and Mengacci, Cara L to David, Chrisann, 11/9, $135,000

WATERFORD

Old Norwich Rd, Connecticut College to Hajj, Joseph G and Hajj, George, 11/24, $144,000

Windward Way, Sherman, Jesse A to Sherman, Tracey, 11/24, $22,000

N/A, Nauta, Robert P to Nolda, Jolayne M and Nolda, James J, 11/24, $160,000

4 Windward Way, Sherman, Dean to Sherman, Tracey, 11/24, $168,000

14 Richards Grove Rd, Pickett, Mary M to Hannon, Zachary N, 11/30, $267,900

64 Scotch Cap Rd Lot 142, Conlon, Mark to Velagapudi, Naveen K, 11/29, $295,000

357 Mago Point Way, Mago Way Realty LLC to Riverwalk LLC, 11/29, $400,000

WATERTOWN

Van Orman St, Murowsky, Richard H to Rada, Elton, 12/2, $28,000

16 Fairview St, Dalip, Luljeta to Scoy, Kelly V, 11/30, $210,000

35 Shannon Ave, Strobel, Susan A and Wyse, Cathleen S to Brady, Marie A, 12/2, $364,000

58 Cobb St, Beebe, Michael to Lafreniere, Joseph D, 11/29, $259,000

62 Cannon Ridge Dr Lot 62, Derosa Jr, Vincent J and Derosa, Jennifer L to Stanley, Lauren J, 11/29, $225,000

88 Shaw Farm Rd, Zotto, Rocco A and Zotto, Kim M to Beebe, Michael A and Guzman, Yudelka, 11/30, $339,900

172 Greenwood St, Rickevicius, Lisa P to Falco, Orlando and Falco, Maria, 12/1, $290,000

181 Oak Dr, Thankappan, Kunjathan and Thankappan, Chandrikamma to Mazzone, Ann M and Mazzone, Christopher, 11/29, $410,000

194 Buckingham St, Blademyers, Patricia L to Novella, Robert A and Gaston, Elizabeth A, 12/2, $292,000

250 Bella Vista Dr, Talo, Amza and Talo, Suzan to Diaz, Enma M, 12/3, $630,000

1475 Buckingham St, Obrien, John M and Obrien, Dale V to Martone-Kraemer, Kelly A, 12/3, $249,900

WEST HARTFORD

Kirkwood Rd, Klein Vera E Est and Klinger, Lee to Xue, Fei and Mei, Zongxiang, 12/2, $192,500

2 Ridge Dr, Antonia Ledesma IRT and Griffin, Rebecca L to Hinostroza, Victoria M and Hinostroza, Hector V, 12/1, $330,000

9 Kingswood Rd, Vinchy-Ku, Kelly to Sherwood, Rachel, 11/29, $285,000

12 Brookline Dr, Duquette, James F and Duquette, Emma S to J&B Remodelers LLC, 11/30, $247,000

20 Coolidge Rd, Walsh William K Est and Walsh, Kevin J to Housesold Real Estate LLC, 12/1, $217,500

22 Hamlin Dr, Arora, Raj to Yip, Jing and Alexander, Elvis D, 11/30, $354,900

24 Woodruff Rd, Newell, Janis E and Mcguire Jr, Thomas B to Vanauken, Ethan J and Finn, Katy R, 12/1, $475,000

26 Schoolhouse Dr Lot 407, Law, James to Margol, Scott, 11/30, $255,000

38 N Main St Lot 41, Mercado Jr, Norberto to Matthew Ginsberg 2018 T and Ginsberg, Elliot, 12/1, $148,000

41 Thomas St, Duffy, Russell to Bogacki, Kasia A, 11/29, $262,000

48 Sheep Hill Dr, Mcgoldrick, Marilyn M to Moore, Haven and Moore, Heather, 12/2, $525,000

60 Robin Rd Lot B1, Harcovitz, Benjamin T to Rush, Margaret T, 11/30, $132,700

77 Mohawk Dr, Wilson, Ashley D to Martins, Gerard and Martins, Melissa, 12/1, $375,000

110 Thomas St, 110 Thomas Street LLC to Mahmutaj, Eda, 11/30, $414,000

112 Northbrook Dr, Viszmeg, Katalin to Citro Jr, Michael V and Lombardi, Sandra H, 12/1, $280,000

118 Meadow Ln, Vincens, Scott A and Vinvens, Elizabeth M to Ghimire, Raja and Ghimire, Hima, 12/1, $365,000

120 Brookmoor Rd, Stockwell, Lynn B to Gatzuras, Adam J and Ciborowski, Lauren N, 12/1, $410,000

134 Woodrow St, Lazenby, James M and Olshevski, Jodi L to Martin, Thomas R and Martin, Rachel P, 11/30, $412,000

548 S Main St, Simaan Properties LLC to Wrenn, Thomas, 12/2, $276,000

869 Farmington Ave Lot 207, Falkin, Joyce M to Evelein, Johannes and Evelein, Isabel, 12/1, $187,500

998 Farmington Ave, Carrickmacross LLC to Houseworth, Elin and Wells, Scott, 11/30, $310,000

1649 Asylum Ave, Duzan, Kerry L and Duzan, Lorie R to Mozer, Andrew, 12/2, $470,000

WEST HAVEN

15 Crest St Lot 13, Jones, Hyacinth D to Lisle, Latoya, 12/3, $155,000

17 Carlson Rd, Withy, Geraldine Z to Francis-Sloley, Morrine J, 11/30, $250,000

30 Ridge Hollow Rd, Derosa, Philip A and Derosa, Phyllis G to Hopkins, Andre, 12/3, $275,000

38 Hillside Ave, Turner Jr, Douglas P to Silva, Nuno, 12/1, $208,000

45 Walnut St, Palmieri, Samantha to Tiernan, Timothy and Ciccosanti, Michelle, 12/2, $230,000

50 Ranchwood Dr, Landmark Realty Group LLC to Lowe, David J and Hernandez, Gissell A, 12/1, $330,000

58 Hine St, Boguniecki, Marylou and Boguniecki Sr, William J to Ferreras, Dulce M and Rosario, Gilberto N, 12/1, $340,000

76 Park St, Zella, Robbin to Vignola, Deborah, 12/1, $250,000

89 Coleman St Lot 221, Maxwell, Margaret and Maxwell, Eugene T to Daurio, Joseph M, 12/1, $82,000

109 Court St, Preston, Doug to Colony Homes LLC, 12/2, $290,000

148 1st Ave, Galvin, Susan to Chaudry, Muhammad A, 11/30, $140,000

155 Bull Hill Ln Lot 204, James, Cassandra to Mohamed, Afaf, 12/2, $98,500

258 2nd Ave, Reynolds, Ashley M to Paragano, Candice, 11/30, $245,000

337 Main St, Hughson Miller Post 71 to 337 Main Street LLC, 11/30, $250,000

428 Main St, Coscia, Brent E to Solis, Edegardo, 12/1, $254,000

802 Orange Ave, 132 Wood Street Inc to Filipidis, Peter and Filipidis, Helen, 11/30, $175,000

WESTBROOK

142 Cross Rd, Vonpein, Nancy to Bradley, A Kendall and Bradley, Kelly A, 11/29, $636,000

299 Pettipaug Rd, Morin, Robert J and Morin, Ruth M to Neira, Sonia V and Jara, Miguel, 11/30, $355,000

1935 Boston Post Rd Lot 16, Bocca Des Properties LLC to Maitland, Anne E and Baaiocchi, Paul D, 11/29, $293,230

2046 Boston Post Rd, Salt Is Properties LLC to 2046 Bpr Ct LLC, 11/29, $570,000

WESTON

15 Homeward Ln, Rosenfeld, Louis S and Rosenfeld, Blair T to Mary M Simses RET and Simses, Robert G, 11/30, $2,155,000

25 Ridge Rd, Scheinert, Arnold and Scheinert, Lynn B to Goldstein, Steven and Goldstein, Jennifer, 12/2, $1,270,000

31 Alwyn Ln, Kansal, Ruchin and Gupta, Gunjan to Logvinov, Oleg and Logvinova, Marianna, 12/3, $1,460,000

WESTPORT

N/A, Digney, James B to Vanwoerden, Ernst J, 12/2, $1,400,888

9 Summer Hill Rd, Kudwitt, Rebecca M to Weiner, Brian M, 11/30, $1,100,000

11 Salem Rd, Pliner, Jason M to Bittinger, Janelle, 11/29, $1,650,000

12 Saint George Pl, Fridman, Uri and Sigalow, Emily to Elliott, Jeffrey and Elliott, Megan, 12/2, $915,000

48 Woodside Ave, Frank, Richard and Frank, Leona to Fitzpatrick, James, 11/30, $780,000

89 Old Hill Rd, Orent, Eric S and Kreutzer-Orent, Jill F to Mortellaro, Michael and Mortellaro, Nicole, 11/30, $1,570,000

131 Compo Rd N, Ruiz, Adrian H and Nordholm, Hilary to Yang, Bolun and Qi, Ji, 11/30, $830,000

299 North Ave, 299 North Avenue LLC to Ludwin, Remigiusz, 12/2, $900,000

365 Greens Farms Rd, Goldstein, Jennifer B to Sweeney, Christopher and Sweeney, Kathleen, 12/2, $2,459,500

WETHERSFIELD

25 Harmund Pl, Cantwell, Thomas G and Cantwell, Kristina L to Zaino, Jack, 11/29, $225,000

28 Cumberland Ave, Cuccia, Kristin and Gaviria, Diego to Destina, Debi, 12/1, $245,000

36 Harmund Pl, Devincke, Judith A and Devincke, Dorothy S to Stapleton, Aaron J and Martin, Nicole M, 12/2, $249,900

47-49 Main St, Rio, Amy to Morissette, Bernard, 12/1, $350,000

48 Prospect St, Colantonio, Armando G to Kehoe, William J, 12/3, $260,000

54 Tifton Rd, Mancini, Matthew J and Wells Fargo Bank NA to Wells Fargo Bank NA, 12/1, $214,200

56 Brookside Cir, 2M Services LLC to Stanford, Dorothy Y, 12/2, $262,000

68 Cedar St, Martinez, Justo to Wetstone, Lorraine S, 11/30, $223,000

72 Beverly Rd, Higgins, Matthew to Spineti, Daniel C, 11/30, $270,000

83 Oxford St, Garcia-Caraballo, Edgardo to Ofori-Agyemang Sr, Dominic, 11/30, $277,000

88 Crystal St, Veronesi, Jerilyn M to 2nd Chance Homes LLC, 12/2, $145,000

179 Clearfield Rd, Chavez, Christopher and Thibodeau, William E to Chagnon, Scott P and Bouffard, Shannon M, 12/1, $330,000

220 Cricket Knl, Gauthier, Robert R and Cavalieri, Marianne to Morrissey, Richard and Morrissey, Susan, 12/3, $480,000

234 Forest Dr, Rosario, Jose to Dinse, Brian and Dinse, Katherine, 12/2, $300,000

783 Nott St, Valley Residential Group to Ali, Khaled and Ali, Cathleen, 12/3, $270,000

906 Cloverdale Cir, Shank Jr, Charles V and Shank, Kathryn L to Breda, Ashley A and Breda, Angelyn P, 11/29, $380,000

WILTON

53 Mountain Rd, Skies The Limit LLC to Bhanjee, Atif and Mahmood, Mehnaz, 12/1, $650,000

96 Pond Rd, Conlon, Dennis and Conlon, Laura to Marshall, Samuel and Depentu, Margaret, 12/1, $500,000

WINCHESTER

24 High St, Mattson Jr, Thomas A to Seibert, Dylan J and Whitman, Michelle A, 11/24, $131,460

33 Chestnut St, Newth, Diane L to Skinner Jr, Robert, 11/30, $140,000

51 Pratt St, USA HUD to Delgado, Javier M and Lopez, Olga S, 11/30, $79,900

271 Colebrook Rd, Judsonhouse LLC to Bottass, Joseph Z, 12/1, $177,500

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WINDHAM

28 Old Plains Rd, Hale, Daniel C to Ames, Richard G, 12/2, $135,022

49 Larrow Dr, Pan, Ya T to Torres-Aldarondo, L M, 12/1, $275,000

115 Southridge Dr, Rosado, Heriberto to Torres, Iris, 12/2, $125,000

120 Echo Dr, Steiner, Joseph R to Cabrera, Jonathan R, 12/2, $185,000

1153 Main St, Willi Housing LLC to Morse, Timothy, 12/2, $330,000

WINDSOR

4 Plum Rdg, Grimshaw, Steven L and Grimshaw, Dorothy G to Shileds, Kevin L, 12/3, $378,250

8 Foster Ln, Filete, Ken F and Filete, Renee M to Daniels, Michael, 12/2, $282,000

16 Hayes Dr, Tacey, Jeannette F to Grizzle, Conroy G and Stephenson-Grizzle, S, 12/1, $245,000

20 Tiffany Dr, Greene, Henry J to Blanks, Courtney L, 12/2, $321,000

22 Olin St, Gildea, Kelly A to Napiorkowski, Anna, 11/30, $240,000

33 Mechanic St Lot 303, Trifone, John to Jepeal, Eric J, 11/30, $235,000

58 Walnut Dr, Wright, Jehon A and Wright, Rochelle K to Green, Damion, 12/1, $255,000

67 Timber Ln, Brooks, Gail C to Peters, James and Peters, Amon, 11/30, $325,000

203 Marshall Phelps Rd, Williams, Kenneth W to Fobbs, Omar D and Fobbs, Ursula A, 12/2, $360,000

256 Deerfield Rd, Krikorian, Doris M to Alevrides, Sharon O, 11/30, $115,000

341 Rainbow Rd, Eugene C Hoyt RET and Hoyt, Jeoffrey L to Watts, Raymond, 12/1, $118,500

626 Thoreau Cir, Frechette, Richard M and Frechette, Catherine C to Giddings, Gregory and Gibson, Hasiyna, 11/30, $544,000

1500 Poquonock Ave, Bradley, Joshua and Bradley, Amber L to Cogan, Stephen, 11/30, $260,000

1975 Blue Hills Ave Ext, Indus Development 2 LLC to Eversource Energy, 12/2, $2,500,000

1985 Blue Hills Ave Ext, Indus Development 1 LLC to Rocky River Realty Co, 12/2, $13,000,000

1995 Blue Hills Ave Ext, Indus Development 2 LLC to Eversource Energy, 12/2, $2,500,000

WOLCOTT

Beach Rd, Giannattassio, Joseph R and Giannattassio, Christy to Scicluna, Kevin M and Scicluna, Amber, 12/3, $300,000

N/A, Mennillo Sr, Michael D to Babani, Besmir, 12/2, $80,000

8 Short Ave, Sulollari, Jorgo and Sulollari, Elda to Battistoni, Zachary, 11/29, $237,000

26 Constitution Dr Lot 26, Malesky Frederick R Est and Malesky, Federeick R to Tsacoyeanes, James G and Tsacoyeanes, Cathy A, 11/24, $182,000

32 Maple View Dr, Labbe, Nancy to Lozinski, Mark, 12/1, $265,000

44 Norton Hts, Capaldo, Virginia to Duclos, Kurtis J, 11/30, $102,500

150 Spindle Hill Rd, Johnson, Linda B to Giannattasio, Joseph and Giannattasio, Christy, 12/3, $380,000

237 Lakeside Dr, Abarzua, Nelson J to Weber, David and Weber, Kristen, 12/3, $89,900

246 Bound Line Rd, Alka, Nadije and Suli, Amdi to Gutierrez, Sorimis, 12/2, $395,000

WOODBRIDGE

8 Pine Rdg, Doernberger, Jessie and Doernberger, Jeremy to Minner, John R and Martin, Lindsay O, 11/30, $500,000

14 Coachman Ln, Desarbo, Elizabeth L and Desarbo, Theresa to Rose, Julie M and Jumper, Devin M, 12/1, $560,000

20 Pine Rdg, Pantalone, Angela J to Goldberg, Aaron J and Goldberg, Pinelopi K, 11/30, $980,000

50 Penny Ln, Giangrande, Kimberly to Ong, Shawn and Ong, Heather, 12/2, $750,000

1046 Johnson Rd, Gilroy, Amy to Rosner, Robert and Guadagnoli, Nicole M, 12/1, $383,000

1082 Racebrook Rd, Ayrapetov, Yuriy A and Akopyants, Stella G to Zhang, Shuo and Gao, Weiwei, 12/1, $445,000

WOODBURY

7 Atwood Rd, Ernsteins, Rainer P to Babbino, William and Babbino, Nancy, 11/29, $287,900

8 Highpoint Ct Lot 8, Pliszka, Evelyn J to Kudej, Wendy, 11/29, $80,000

25 Lake Rd, Buonocore, Ryan N to Cabler, Thomas L and Cabler, Elizabeth B, 11/30, $357,400

74 Middle Quarter Rd, Crane, Edward J and Westervelt-Crane, Danielle to Lawlor, Laura, 11/29, $549,000

109 Sage Rd, Wile E Corp to Valentini, Bryan and Sawyer, Nicole, 11/30, $765,000

WOODSTOCK

Swedetown Rd, Raynham Inc to Wyndham Land T Inc, 12/2, $780,000

4 Center Cir, Griswold, Brendon M to Obrien, Kevin M and Obrien, Heidi B, 12/1, $492,500

255 Pole Bridge Rd, Glinsky, Michael T to Latour, Jhon F, 12/1, $450,000

811 Brickyard Rd, Perron, Danielle to Ainsworth, Eric, 11/30, $285,000

ASK THE PLUMBER

High-end toilets can be functional 'smart art'

By Ed Del Grande
Tribune News Service

Q: Reading your past columns has me interested in the new electronic plumbing fixtures. But, when I looked into the new "smart" toilets with bidet features, I had sticker shock. What makes them such a high-end item?

A: Cutting-edge technology is expensive when first introduced to the market and that includes plumbing fixtures.

I remember as a kid seeing my first brick-sized "pocket" calculator and it was hundreds of dollars. While a smart toilet is not the same as a cellphone with a calculator app, it does incorporate the latest in high-tech electronics.

Intelligent toilet/bidet options can include: LED night lighting, motion activated seat open and close, heated seat, UV light sanitizing of bidet wand, and even a touch screen remote control. Performance wise, pump-assisted dual-flushing can give a smart toilet a strong and efficient flush. Also, many smart toilets are made to look like a work of modern art. So, when you add up one beautiful design with one intelligent toilet, it's easy to see how one plus one can equal a very expensive number two!

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Toilets are getting smarter with the latest in high-tech electronics. KOHLER

Guest

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can lead to neutrals or it can lead to lots of color, but in a way that's not too busy or stimulating."

The choice is a personal one, and depends on the people you envision using the space — your fashionable friends, say, or your conservative grandparents — and what you want to communicate about your own sense of style.

Focus on the basics

A guest room should not be a repository for lumpy old mattresses that would be better left at the curb. At the very least, it should provide the basics of a decent hotel room, said Roman Alonso, a principal of the Los Angeles-based design firm Commune. In other words: "a really comfortable mattress and high-end bedding," as well as night stands, lamps for reading, and rugs if the room has hardwood, stone or ceramic floors.

Although storage might not be top of mind, every overnight guest will have luggage, so you'll need to accommodate that, too. "I'm one of those people who, when I check into a hotel or stay as a guest in someone's house, have to unpack everything," Anderson said.

So in designing a guest room, he said, "I think about having somewhere to place luggage, be it on a rack or in a closet," as well as providing a dresser, armoire or closet with hangers where people can properly store their things.

Pay attention to textiles

Even with inexpensive furniture, it's possible to give a room a luxurious feeling using textiles. Start by focusing on the bed.

Fresh, clean sheets are essential. But on top of them, said Nicole Fisher, the founder of BNR Interiors in Hudson, New York, think about offering several different options for warmth: "Some people run hot, some people run cold, so you never know how they're going to want to sleep."

When Fisher prepares a guest room, she said, "there will always be a quilt, a duvet and a blanket," so that people can adjust their layers.

Pillow preference is another unknown, so it's helpful to provide multiple sleeping pillows with various levels of firmness — Caillier typically makes a bed with four — as well as throw pillows that can serve as back support for sitting up in bed.

Whether the bathroom is en suite or down the hall, Fisher said, it should be well stocked with fresh towels and washcloths. And if the bathroom is shared, guests should have designated towel bars, racks or hooks to keep their bath linens separate — especially with heightened concerns about germs in the midst of the pandemic.

Finally, make sure your guest room has appropriate window coverings. Rooms that get a lot of sunlight in the morning should have blackout shades or drapery, perhaps with a second layer of sheer curtains, so guests can control the light, Alonso said.

In rooms that don't get blasted by the sun, or by streetlights, an all-purpose light-filtering shade may suffice.

Add a seating area (and maybe a work space)

Even the most sociable guests will eventually want a little time to themselves. To give them a place to go, try to include a seating area in the guest room, if there's enough space.

It could be as simple as placing a single lounge chair, small side table and floor lamp in the corner of the room. "Oftentimes, I place those by a window, so you can just experience sitting in the sun," Bean said. Other times, when space allows, she positions a small sofa at the foot of the bed.

Also consider whether there's room to squeeze in a desk. "We're definitely getting that request more now, since COVID," Caillier said, as the pandemic has made remote work a possibility for many. "People want a work space, for their guests or for themselves, in that room."

It doesn't have to be big. A compact free-standing desk or even a wall-mounted one with a chair that tucks out of the way is usually enough space for working on a laptop.

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ASK THE BUILDER:

How a retaining wall works, how to build one

By Tim Carter
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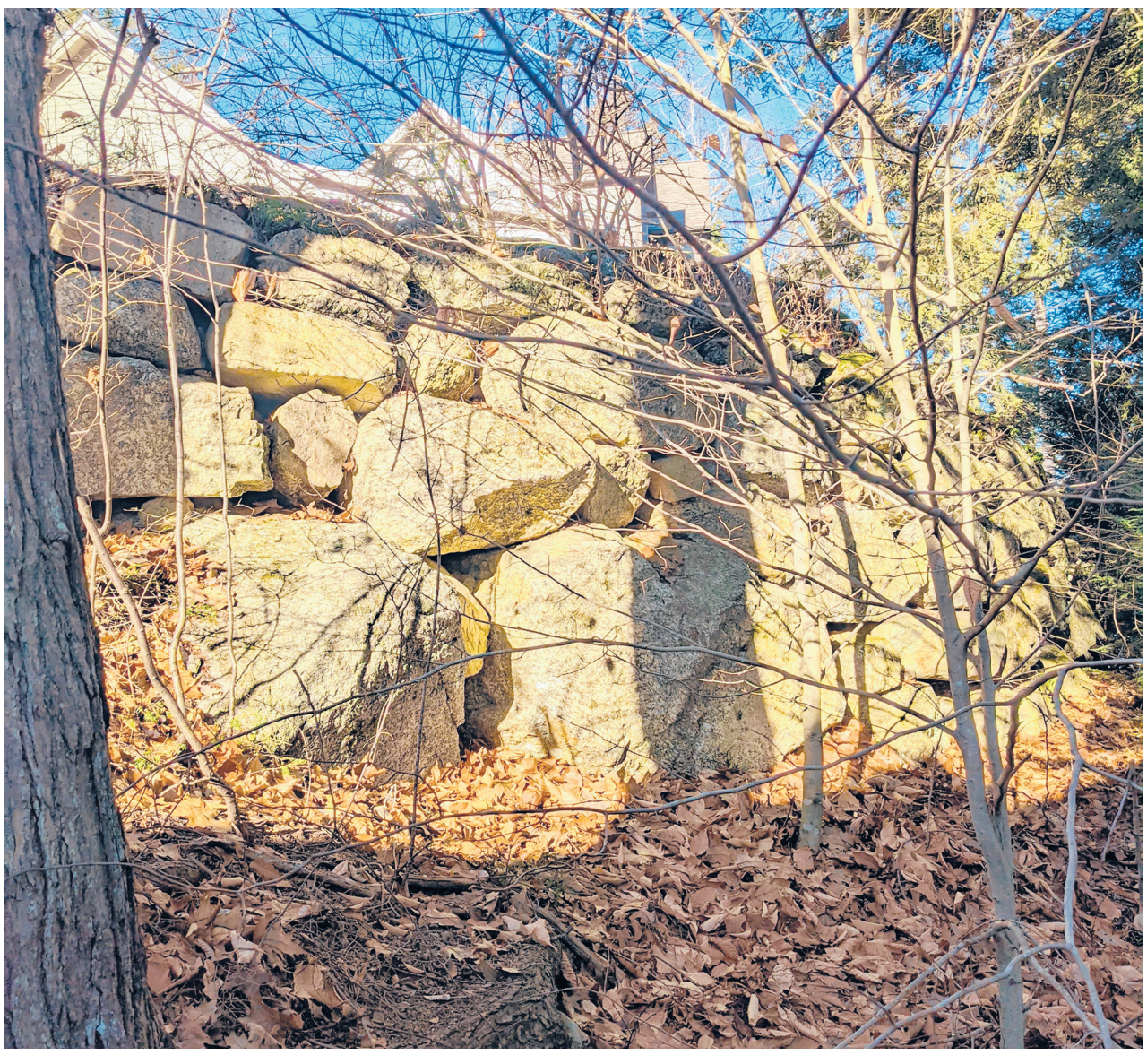

This is a gravity retaining wall that's 10 feet tall. It looks fantastic after 20 years of service. **TIM CARTER/TNS**

Humans have been building retaining walls for thousands of years to create flat, or gently sloping, terraces on hillsides. A lot of my readers have them on their own property — or need to build one — and they come to me for advice.

Retaining walls are far more complex than you might imagine. If you see a tall retaining wall that hasn't tumbled over or doesn't lean, it might have been a stroke of luck on the builder's part, but most likely its construction involved some serious engineering.

Let's discuss a simple gravity retaining wall for now. This wall is the easiest to build, materials are plentiful and often free, and you can achieve success in almost all cases. A gravity retaining wall is made using any solid material that you can stack. This wall relies on its own mass to hold up the earth that's pushing against it. It's a simple battle of gravity, and you can win.

There's an old saying: You don't know what you don't know. I can attest to this. Looking back at my building career, I started out so ambitious and I had no fear. I jumped into projects like a small child into a blow-up swimming pool on a hot August day. I had lots of early success, and I also had a few dust-ups. Dust-ups are great learning experiences.

I was quite wet behind the ears, just about 26 years old, when my lovely wife asked me to build a retaining wall for her at our second home. The wall would serve two purposes. First, it would allow us to put a 6-foot-tall fence up in the dirt behind the wall that would give us lots of privacy from the apartment building parking lot that abutted our back yard. The 3-foot-wide strip of fill dirt behind the wall would also give her a wonderful place to plant shade plants and flowers.

This wall was about 50 feet long and started out up near the detached garage. There it extended up just 1 foot tall. By the time it got to the far property line, it was 42 inches high. I thought all along this 8-inch-thick red-brick wall would do really well. I was wrong.

My first mistake was not battering the wall. Battering means making it lean backwards out of plumb, into the earth behind the wall. Think about how you lean into something when you push it. Retaining walls, especially simple stacked gravity walls, look better with a batter to them. The batter sends a subliminal message of strength. Usually a batter of about 5 degrees out of plumb is plenty.

Within five years I noticed the tall part of my wall started to lean. I had good drainage behind it, but the wall was lacking in mass. The base of the wall was as thick as the top. The base of the wall at that end should have been at least 20 inches wide and tapered to 8 inches as it got to the top.

Keep in mind that retaining walls are simple vertical levers. The weight of the ground above the wall and frost in cold climates pushes against the top of the wall trying to tip it over. You probably remember from your high school physics class that Archimedes said, "Give me a lever long enough and I can lift the Earth!" He was right. The taller the wall, the longer the lever. This is why you need to make your gravity retaining wall look much like a pyramid that's cut in half. Imagine how stable a pyramid is with its wide base.

The second retaining wall I built for my wife fared much better. I learned from my mistakes. It was a red-brick serpentine wall that she requested. It was stunning once complete and it's still in perfect shape now 35 years later. A curved retaining wall works well for the same reason arches worked for the Romans to support their aqueducts. Imagine an arch laid on its side and built into the ground. It has enormous strength.

Most gravity retaining walls work well about 3 to 4 feet tall. It's best to make the width of the base about half the height of the wall. You should also bury the first row of stones, blocks, or timbers about 6 to 8 inches into the soil. Don't just lay the first row on the ground, and definitely do not lay it on grass or other organic matter that will decay and become a slippery mass of goo.

The soil type at your home will make a difference. I've found that sandy soils are the ones that seem to play the best with gravity retaining walls. Dense clay soils that are slippery might put far more pressure against the top of your wall. The amount of hillside above your wall also comes into play. A slope that extends hundreds of feet uphill from your wall will place much more pressure against the wall than a much shorter slope.

Do some due diligence. Walk, bike or drive around your neighborhood. Pay attention to other gravity retaining walls that you like and might have been in place for decades. Don't be afraid of asking the homeowner or business owner about the wall. They may have built it and might be able to share how it was done. I've got five gravity retaining walls on my own property here in New Hampshire built with giant granite boulders. My neighbor has one that's 10 feet tall. All of them have been in place for over 20 years and look as good as the day they were installed. Believe me, your new gravity wall is going to look fantastic. Send me a photo of it using the form on my "Ask Tim" page at AsktheBuilder.com.

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Presenting to you the latest collection of photographs captured throughout this transformative year. As the world began a healing process, it also faced growing pains, from political turmoil and great storms to amazing performances in the Summer Olympics. This year has been captured both locally and globally by talented photojournalists. These images displayed here show some of the groundbreaking moments in 2021.

ON THE COVER

JUNE 10: The sun and moon rise together over downtown Baltimore during a partial eclipse.

JERRY JACKSON / BALTIMORE SUN

OCT. 5: President Joe Biden walks on the South Lawn of the White House en route to Lansing, Michigan. Biden was going to deliver remarks on the bipartisan infrastructure bill and his Build Back Better agenda.

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JAN 6: President Donald Trump speaks to his supporters at his Save America Rally on the Ellipse, near the White House.

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JAN. 6: Trump supporters protest on the steps of the U.S. Capitol.

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JAN 6: Thousands of Trump supporters gather for the Save America Rally.

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JAN. 6: Protesters push past fences during events fueled by President Donald Trump's continued claims of fraud in an effort to overturn the results of the 2020 election before Congress finalized them.

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JAN. 6: Supporters of President Donald Trump protest on the steps of the U.S. Capitol.

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JAN. 6: Trump supporters clash with counterprotesters outside Los Angeles City Hall.

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JAN. 6: Trump supporters try to enter the U.S. Senate.

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JAN. 13: Members of the National Guard take a rest on Capitol Hill during the impeachment debate and vote.

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JAN. 19: On the day before the presidential inauguration, troops on guard on the east side of the Capitol move to a different position.

CAROLYN COLE / LOS ANGELES TIMES

JAN. 16: Barbed wire is seen atop security fencing, with the dome of the U.S. Capitol in the background. After the riots and security breach at the U.S. Capitol, the FBI had warned of additional threats across the nation.

KENT NISHIMURA / LOS ANGELES TIMES

JAN. 20: U.S. poet laureate Amanda Gorman reads a poem during the inauguration.

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JAN. 20: President Joe Biden takes the oath of office from Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts as his wife, first lady Jill Biden, stands next to him during the 59th presidential inauguration in Washington, D.C.

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JAN. 13: Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi signs the article of impeachment against President Donald Trump.

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JAN. 26: Vice President Kamala Harris waves to new Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen after Yellen was sworn in at the White House.

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JAN. 18: Supporters of Black Lives Matter assemble a block away from the capitol in Richmond, Va., on Lobby Day.

STEPHEN M. KATZ / THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT

JAN. 21: Buddy, a Maltese, waits in his carriage along Southern Boulevard in West Palm Beach, Fla., before President Donald Trump's arrival.

AMY BETH BENNETT / SOUTH FLORIDA SUN SENTINEL

JAN. 8: View of the Maryland Senate Chamber from a senator's seat. Maryland Senate President Bill Ferguson stands behind plexiglass at the dais. Because of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, 47 senators and state workers worked behind protective barriers during the 442nd session of Maryland General Assembly, which opened on Jan. 13.

KIM HAIRSTON / BALTIMORE SUN

MARCH 11: Volunteer Sharad Richardet speaks with Charlotte Tharp of Kansas City, Kan., after she received her COVID-19 vaccination.

TAMMY LJUNGBLAD / KANSAS CITY STAR

FEB. 8: Alex Infante, a fourth-year pharmacy student, prepares a dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine at a vaccination center in Chicago.

JOSE M. OSORIO / CHICAGO TRIBUNE

FEB. 23: House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell and a bipartisan group of members of the House and Senate observe a moment of silence for the 500,000 American lives lost to COVID-19 on the East Front Steps of the U.S. Capitol.

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FEB. 8: Hundreds line up to receive COVID-19 vaccine shots at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles.

ROBERT GAUTHIER / LOS ANGELES TIMES

FEB. 6: Family members hold the dress of Yasemine Caro, 15, as she walks through snow to her quinceanera in Kansas City, Mo.

TAMMY LJUNGBLAD / KANSAS CITY STAR

FEB. 9: Impeachment managers walk through Statuary Hall during the first day of a Senate impeachment trial against former President Donald Trump on Capitol Hill.

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FEB. 10: Cal Fire firefighters proceed up a cleared hill after burning downed dead trees and brush along Sugarloaf Road, near Meadow Lakes, Calif.

ERIC PAUL ZAMORA / FRESNO BEE

FEB. 1: Times Square Alliance workers clear snow as a massive blizzard slammed the New York City area.

LUIZ C. RIBEIRO / NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

FEB. 28: A limited number of fans attend a game between the Minnesota Timberwolves and Phoenix Suns at Target Center in Minneapolis.

CARLOS GONZALEZ / MINNEAPOLIS STAR TRIBUNE

MARCH 3: Mission, Kan., police look on as firefighters battle a large fire at First Baptist Church of Mission. No injuries were reported in the blaze.

TAMMY LJUNGBLAD / KANSAS CITY STAR

FEB. 7: Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes (15) is tripped up by Tampa Bay Buccaneers defensive end William Gholston (92) and flies through the air as he gets off a pass to the end zone during the fourth quarter in Super Bowl LV at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Fla.

RICH SUGG / KANSAS CITY STAR

JAN. 30: A protest organized by Shop Mask Free Los Angeles rallies against the COVID-19 vaccine, masks and lockdowns, at Dodger Stadium.

IRFAN KHAN / LOS ANGELES TIMES

FEB. 2: Volunteers with ReNewed Hope Food Pantry load food into vehicles for families in need during a drive-through food pantry at New Haven Seventh-day Adventist Church, in Overland Park, Kan. The pantry had approximately 30,000-35,000 pounds of food to distribute to about 500 families during the event, which had cars lined up around the church.

TAMMY LJUNGBLAD / KANSAS CITY STAR

JAN. 11: Pre-K students wait for lunch at their desks on the first day of in-person learning at Dawes Elementary School in Chicago.

JOSE M. OSORIO / CHICAGO TRIBUNE

MARCH 27: A Virginia Beach, Va., police officer takes down police tape on the morning after a fatal shooting the night before.

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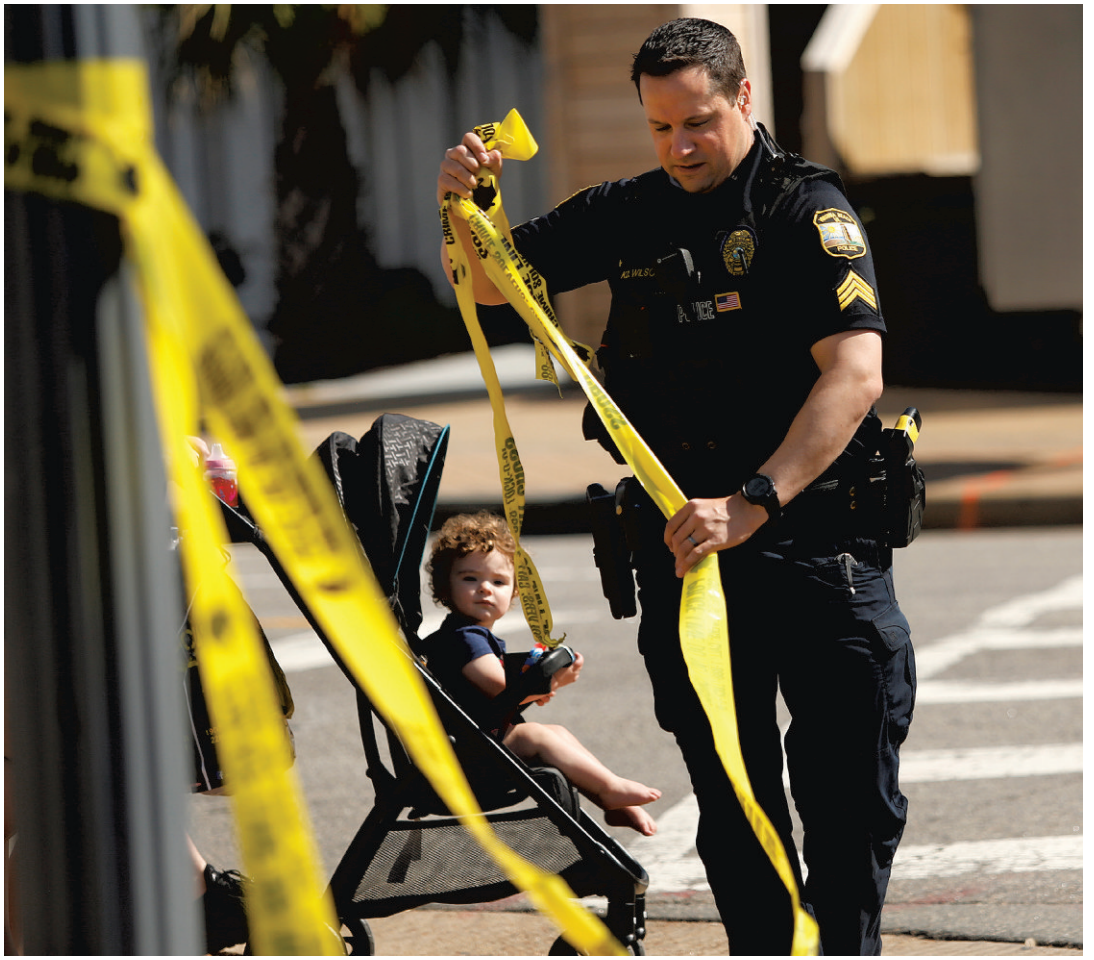

MARCH 10: People wait in long lines at the FEMA COVID-19 vaccination site at Miami Dade College North Campus in Miami.

MIKE STOCKER /
SOUTH FLORIDA SUN SENTINEL

APRIL 2: In a screened-off room in the Brian Coyle Center in Minneapolis, paramedic Kayse Abdirahman checks the temperature of Milgo Ahmed before administering a COVID-19 vaccine to her.

GLEN STUBBE /
MINNEAPOLIS STAR TRIBUNE

APRIL 5: The casket of Donovon Lynch is escorted out of Wave Church in Virginia Beach, Va., following a celebration of life ceremony. Lynch was shot and killed by a Virginia Beach police officer.

JONATHON GRUENKE / DAILY PRESS

April 11: Huntington Beach police officers separate people during a fight amid Black Lives Matter and White Lives Matter rallies in California.

WALLY SKALIJ / LOS ANGELES TIMES

APRIL 26: An alligator floats in an algae bloom in Lake Okeechobee in Florida.

JOE CAVARETTA / SOUTH FLORIDA SUN SENTINEL

MAY 3: Visitors pass through Sleeping Beauty Castle at Disneyland Resort in Anaheim, Calif., as guests return to the park with COVID-safety restrictions in place.

JAY L. CLENDENIN / LOS ANGELES TIMES

MAY 2: Danielle Anglin, center, of Fort Lauderdale Diving, competes in the 3-meter springboard at the Coral Springs Aquatic Center in Florida. About 200 divers from across the South soared during the USA Diving Regional Championships.

JOE CAVARETTA / SOUTH FLORIDA SUN SENTINEL

MAY 4: A SpaceX Falcon 9 sails past the American and mission flags as it lifts off from Launch Pad 39-A at Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

JOE BURBANK / ORLANDO SENTINEL

MAY 11: Preakness entry Ram gets a bath after working out on the Pimlico track in Baltimore.

JERRY JACKSON / BALTIMORE SUN

MAY 12: An early morning ride at Pimlico Race Course, in Baltimore, the week of the 146th Preakness Stakes.

LLOYD FOX / BALTIMORE SUN

MAY 6: The GEICO Skytypers Air Show Team's squadron of WWII planes flies in close formation over Fort Lauderdale Beach, in Florida, along with Lucas aerobatic pilot Mike Wiskus.

MIKE STOCKER /
SOUTH FLORIDA SUN SENTINEL

MAY 26: In honor of Memorial Day, Lisa Crook of Easton, Kan., paid her respects to her mother, Bonnie Poirier, with a bouquet of flowers at Leavenworth National Cemetery in Leavenworth, Kan.

TAMMY LJUNGBLAD /
KANSAS CITY STAR

MAY 25: Dozens of Palestinian children and family members attend a candlelight vigil to condemn deaths from Israeli military strikes during the 11-day escalation between Israel and Gaza military factions.

MARCUS YAM / LOS ANGELES TIMES

MAY 15: A thick column of smoke rises from the Jala Tower as it is destroyed in an Israeli airstrike in Gaza City.

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MAY 12: Smoke and flames rise from a tower building destroyed by Israeli airstrikes amid a flare-up of Israeli-Palestinian violence in Gaza City.

AHMED ZAKOT / SOPA IMAGES / ZUMA PRESS

JUNE 26: Palestinian protesters clash with Palestinian security forces in the city of Ramallah in the occupied West Bank, following a demonstration against the death of human rights activist Nizar Banat while in the custody of Palestinian Authority security forces earlier in the week.

APA IMAGES / ZUMA PRESS

JUNE 12: A fan celebrates after catching a home run ball hit by Chicago Cubs center fielder Ian Happ in the second inning against the St. Louis Cardinals at Wrigley Field in Chicago.

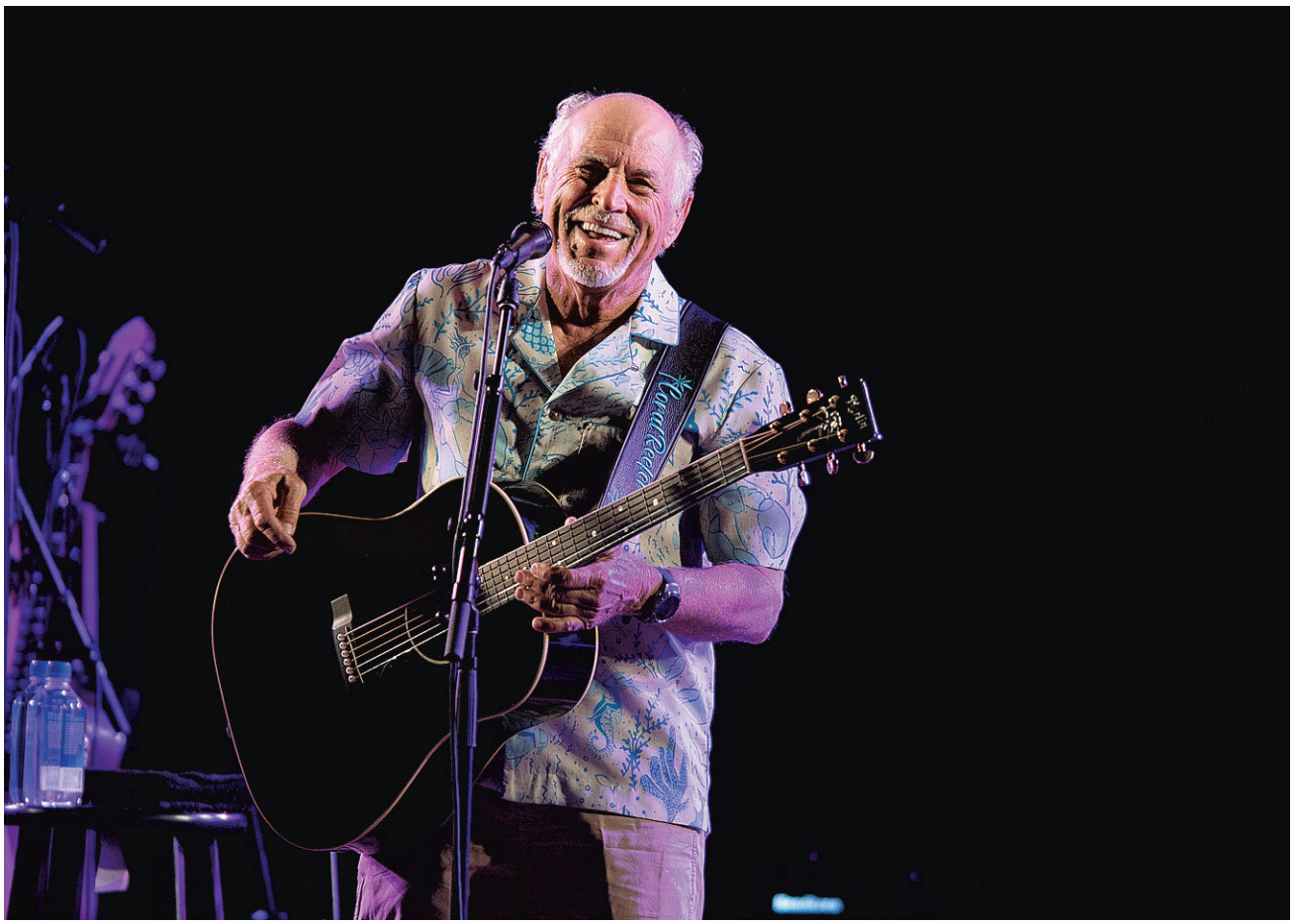
JOHN J. KIM / CHICAGO TRIBUNE

JUNE 3: The Los Angeles Lakers' Kentavious Caldwell-Pope, left, flagrantly fouls the Phoenix Suns' Torrey Craig during the second quarter in Game 6 of the Western Conference first-round series at Staples Center in Los Angeles.

LUIS SINCO / LOS ANGELES TIMES

JUNE 9: Baltimore Orioles center fielder Cedric Mullins dives to make a catch at Camden Yards.

ULYSSES MUÑOZ / BALTIMORE SUN



MAY 13: Jimmy Buffett performs the first of four sold-out concerts on Old School Square in Delray Beach, Fla.

MICHAEL LAUGHLIN /
SOUTH FLORIDA SUN SENTINEL

JUNE 3: Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis holds a Burmese python in the Florida Everglades. The governor kicked off the start of the python challenge.

JOE CAVARETTA /
SOUTH FLORIDA SUN SENTINEL

JUNE 19: Bamba Seck, 3, of Baltimore, takes a taste of the soap bubbles he's playing in at the Children's Village at Freedom Day, the Juneteenth celebration in the Reservoir Hill neighborhood of Baltimore.

BARBARA HADDOCK TAYLOR / BALTIMORE SUN

JULY 1: President Joe Biden and first lady Dr. Jill Biden visit the memorial for victims of the condo tower collapse in Surfside, Fla.

AL DIAZ / MIAMI HERALD

JUNE 24: Part of the 12-story oceanfront Champlain Towers South Condo.

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SOUTH FLORIDA SUN SENTINEL

JUNE 29: Search and rescue teams look for possible survivors at the site of the 12-story oceanfront Champlain Towers South Condo in Surfside, Fla.

MIKE STOCKER /
SOUTH FLORIDA SUN SENTINEL

JUNE 26: Rescue work is slowed down by fires in Surfside, Fla.

MIKE STOCKER / SOUTH FLORIDA SUN SENTINEL

JULY 7: Rescue workers hug at the memorial site of the Surfside building collapse in Florida.

MICHAEL LAUGHLIN / SOUTH FLORIDA SUN SENTINEL

JULY 23: The Olympic cauldron is lit during the opening ceremony of the 2021 Tokyo Olympics.

BRIAN CASSELLA / CHICAGO TRIBUNE

JULY 30: Team United States forward Ben Hallock is smothered by Team Hungary driver Denes Varga in a water polo men's prelim at Tatsumi Water Polo Center in Tokyo.

ROBERT GAUTHIER / LOS ANGELES TIMES

JULY 29: U.S. gymnast Sunisa Lee competes on the beam in the women's individual all-around final at the 2021 Tokyo Olympics.

WALLY SKALIJ / LOS ANGELES TIMES

AUG. 5: Mikael Mawem of France celebrates after beating U.S. climber Nathaniel Coleman on the speed wall in the sport climbing speed final at Aomi Urban Sports Park in Tokyo.

ROBERT GAUTHIER / LOS ANGELES TIMES

AUG. 6: USA's Laura Zeng performs on hoop during the rhythmic gymnastics qualifying round at the Ariake Gymnastics Center during the Tokyo Olympics.

BRIAN CASSELLA / CHICAGO TRIBUNE

JULY 31: Brazil's Augusto Dutra clears the bar in the men's pole vault qualifying at the Tokyo Olympics.

WALLY SKALIJ / LOS ANGELES TIMES

AUG. 6: USA's Katie Nageotte wins the gold medal in the women's pole vault final at the 2021 Tokyo Olympics.

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AUG. 2: Cuba's Maykel Masso lands in the sand pit in the men's long jump final at the 2021 Tokyo Olympics.

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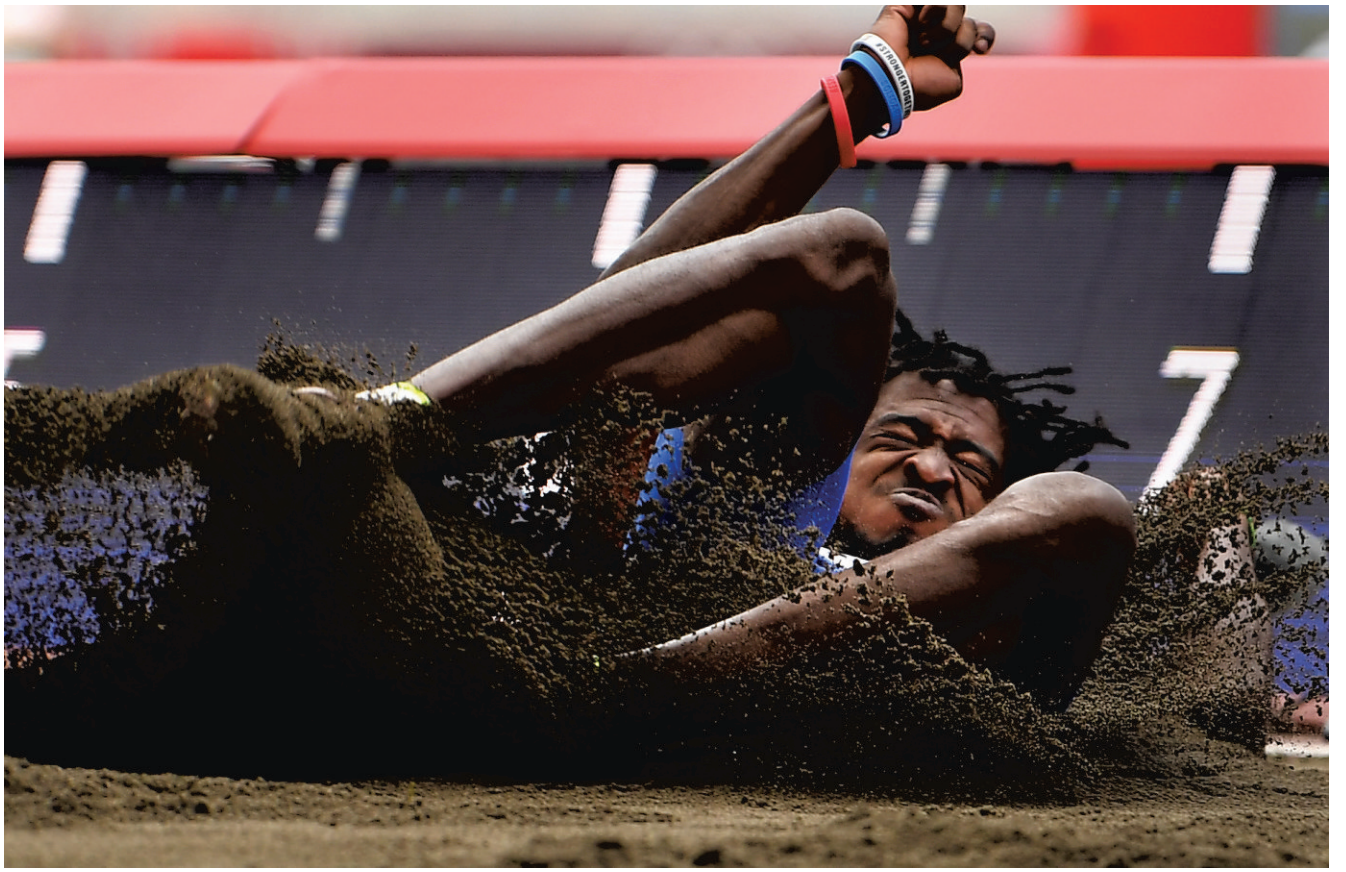

AUG. 8: USA gymnast Simone Biles practices her routine at Ariake Gymnastics Center.

ROBERT GAUTHIER / LOS ANGELES TIMES

AUG. 5: Women from the heptathlon try to catch their breath after completing the 800 meters, the last leg of the competition, at the Tokyo Olympics.

WALLY SKALIJ / LOS ANGELES TIMES

AUG. 6: The United States' Allyson Felix smiles after winning the bronze medal in the 400-meter race at the Tokyo Olympics.

WALLY SKALIJ / LOS ANGELES TIMES

AUG. 8: The U.S. women celebrate their win in the gold medal volleyball match. The USA defeated Brazil 3-0 for their first-ever gold medal in the sport.

BRIAN CASSELLA / CHICAGO TRIBUNE

JULY 24: : The United States' Yul Moldauer lands on the mat while competing on the vault during men's team gymnastics qualifying at the Tokyo Olympics.

WALLY SKALIJ / LOS ANGELES TIMES

JULY 30: The United States' Tori Franklin makes her second attempt in the triple jump preliminaries.

BRIAN CASSELLA / CHICAGO TRIBUNE

AUG. 8: People gather to see the fireworks from outside Olympic Stadium during the closing ceremony at the end of the Tokyo Olympics.

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AUG. 12: Chicago White Sox third baseman Yoan Moncada holds a corn cob as he and White Sox center fielder Luis Robert walk through a corn field before a game against the New York Yankees at the Field of Dreams game in Dyersville, Iowa.

JOSE M. OSORIO / CHICAGO TRIBUNE

AUG. 5: A home burns on Highway 89 south of Greenville, Calif., near Forgay Road during the Dixie fire.

NATHANIEL LEVINE / SACRAMENTO BEE

SEPT. 1: Damage in the 1900 block of West Street following a tornado that swept through Annapolis, Md., as the remnants of Tropical Depression Ida continued to trail across the state.

KARL MERTON FERRON / BALTIMORE SUN

SEPT. 16: Sierra Cobras fire crew member Gustavo Cisneros keeps an eye on a hillside as flames roil the Sequoia National Forest in California.

BRIAN VAN DER BRUG / LOS ANGELES TIMES

SEPT. 2: Homeowner Ashley Thomas hugs a neighbor in front of her damaged home on Marvin Lane in Mullica Hill, N.J. Remnants of Hurricane Ida had moved through the Philadelphia area, bringing heavy rain and widespread flooding. Multiple tornadoes were confirmed in the region.

MONICA HERNDON / THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

AUG. 30: A military transport plane flies over Kabul, Afghanistan, as relatives and neighbors of the Ahmadi family mourn those who died.

MARCUS YAM / LOS ANGELES TIMES

AUG. 29: President Joe Biden and other officials attend the dignified transfer of the remains of fallen service members at Dover Air Force Base in Dover, Del., after 13 members of the U.S. military were killed in Afghanistan. The base, on the East Coast about two hours from Washington, D.C., is synonymous with the painfulreturn of service members who have fallen in combat.

SAUL LOEB / AFP / GETTY IMAGES

AUG. 30: Relatives and neighbors of the Ahmadi family gather around the incinerated husk of a vehicle targeted and hit by an American drone strike, in Kabul, Afghanistan.

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SEPT. 11: Taliban fighters enjoy themselves on swings at City Park, an amusement park, in Kabul, Afghanistan.

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AUG. 18: Kirk Garber pauses at the Flight 93 Memorial overlook in Somerset County, Pa. A distant tree line marks the impact point of Flight 93. "I had to see it," Garber said.

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SEPT. 10: Members of the Navy wait for the beginning of the luminaria ceremony to honor the passengers and crew members of Flight 93, at the Flight 93 National Memorial. Forty candle lanterns were placed below the names of the victims on the Wall of Names at the memorial by family, guests and National Park Service staff.

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SEPT. 11: Members of the Chicago Fire Department salute during a memorial ceremony in Daley Plaza on the 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, in Chicago.

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SEPT. 18: The White House is seen as a backdrop as people visit the "In America: Remember" public art installation near the Washington Monument on the National Mall. The installation commemorates the Americans who died due to COVID-19 and included more than 650,000 small plastic flags, some with personal messages.

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SEPT. 20: Marine One, carrying President Joe Biden, flies over the "In America: Remember" public art installation near the Washington Monument.

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SEPT. 15: The SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket lifts off from Kennedy Space Center in Florida, here in a two-minute time exposure, carrying an all-civilian crew on the Inspiration 4 mission. The crew orbited the earth for three days in the SpaceX Crew Dragon Resilience spacecraft.

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SEPT. 13: U.S. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, left, and Minority Leader Mitch McConnell arrive to participate in the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony on Capitol Hill.

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SEPT. 18: Police officers in riot gear stand guard around a perimeter of the U.S. Capitol during the Justice for J6 rally in support of defendants being prosecuted in the Jan. 6 attack on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

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SEPT. 21: JuJu Smith-Schuster of the Pittsburgh Steelers learns to sign from eighth-grader Chris Briasach during a visit to Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, in Edgewood, Pa.

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SEPT. 26: Los Angeles Chargers wide receiver Mike Williams (81) catches the ball for a touchdown ahead of Kansas City Chiefs free safety Tyrann Mathieu (32) at GEHA Field at Arrowhead Stadium, in Kansas City, Mo.

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AUG 27: Minnesota Vikings cornerback Cameron Dantzler (27) breaks up a pass meant for Kansas City Chiefs wide receiver Daurice Fountain (82) during the first half of a preseason game at GEHA Field at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Mo.

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SEPT. 25: Haitian migrants, part of a group of more than 10,000 people staying in an encampment on the U.S. side of the border, cross the Rio Grande to get food and water in Mexico.

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SEPT. 19: A U.S. Border Patrol agent on horseback tries to stop a Haitian migrant from entering an encampment on the banks of the Rio Grande near the Acuna Del Rio International Bridge in Del Rio, Texas.

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OCT. 12: A firefighter battles the Alisal fire along the 101 Freeway near Goleta, Calif.

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OCT. 11: Smoke fills the sky as the Alisal fire burns in the distance in Santa Gaviota Coast, Calif.

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OCT. 12: Holding on to his hat in a stiff wind, Firebaugh, Calif., farmer Joe Del Bosque walks off a field. He planted melons last season in this field, but it will remain fallow until he finds out if he'll get water for the crop.

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OCT. 29: A homeowner looks over flood damage as the Chesapeake Bay pours over the already flooded Bayside Beach in Pasadena, Md.

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OCT. 26: The Chicago Theatre is reflected in glass from a CTA "L" entrance while a person walks past in the Loop in Chicago.

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SEPT. 5: Helena De'Ella hosts a brunch with friends and supporters as she celebrates the first anniversary of her company, GLDNSKN, near Chicago's 31st Street Beach on the lakefront on Labor Day weekend.

BRIAN CASSELLA / CHICAGO TRIBUNE

OCT. 6: Tactical officers clear the scene following a shooting inside Mansfield Timberview High School in Arlington, Texas. Four people were injured in the shooting and the suspect turned himself in to the Arlington police.

TOM FOX / THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

NOV. 4: Christian Loza, 7, receives a vaccination from Christopher King at Kaiser Permanente Tustin Ranch Vaccination Clinic in Tustin, Calif.

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NOV. 10: Kyle Rittenhouse breaks down on the stand as he testifies about his encounter with the late Joseph Rosenbaum during his trial at the Kenosha County Courthouse in Kenosha, Wis.

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OCT. 16: Georgia tight end Darnell Washington leaps over Kentucky defender DeAndre Square for a first down during their game in Athens, Ga.

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NOV. 3: A surfer heads in as climate change and solar activists finish writing a giant 15-foot message in sand, reading "Gov: Solar, Not Oil," at the Huntington Beach pier calling on California Gov. Gavin Newsom to increase renewable energies in the wake of an oil spill in Huntington Beach.

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JUNE 2: Disney's Avengers Campus brings superheroes to our world, including via some impressive stunt shows.

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NOV. 2: Atlanta Braves players celebrate their World Series title.

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NOV. 2: Atlanta Braves manager Brian Snitker hoists the Commissioner's Trophy at Minute Maid Park in Houston after the Braves defeated the Houston Astros to win the World Series.

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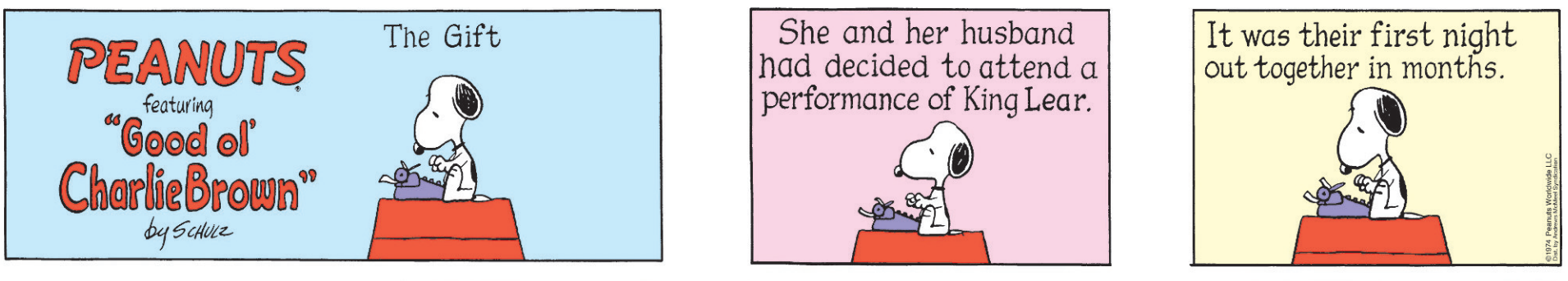

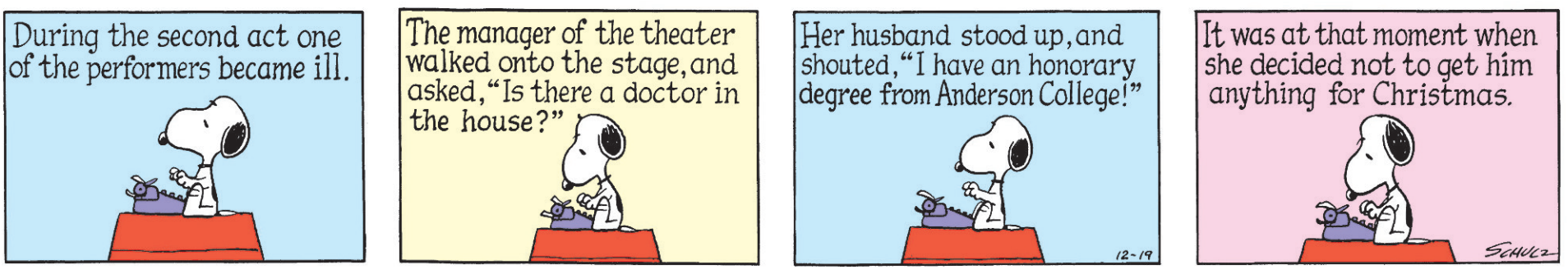

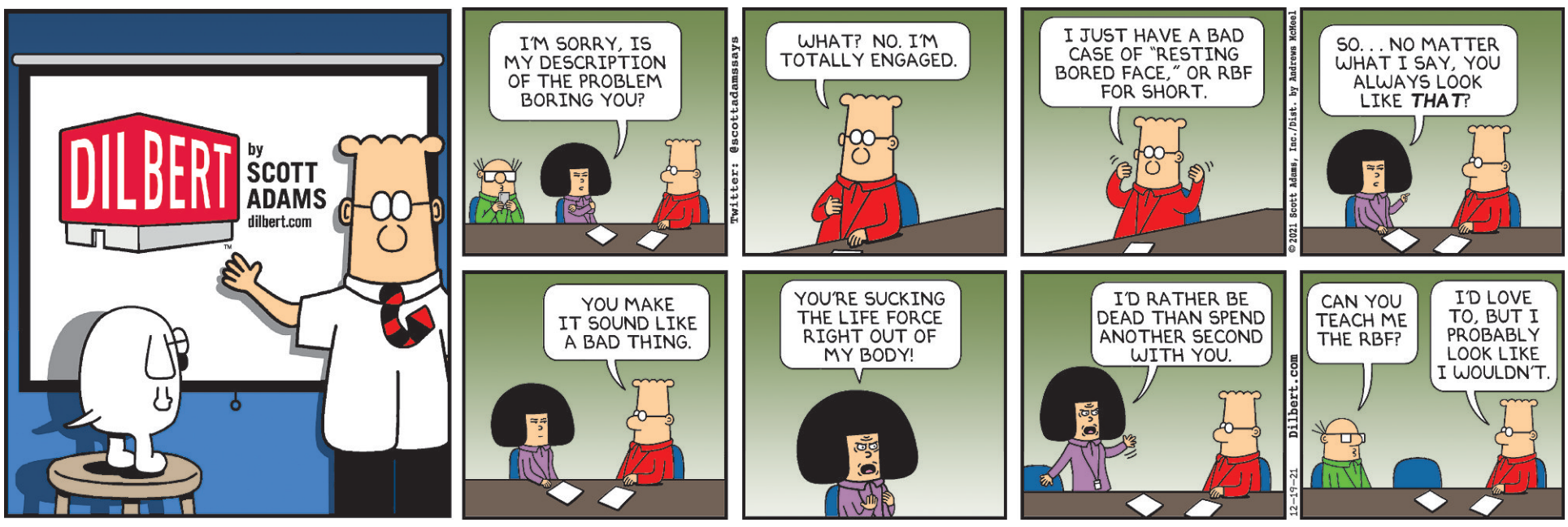

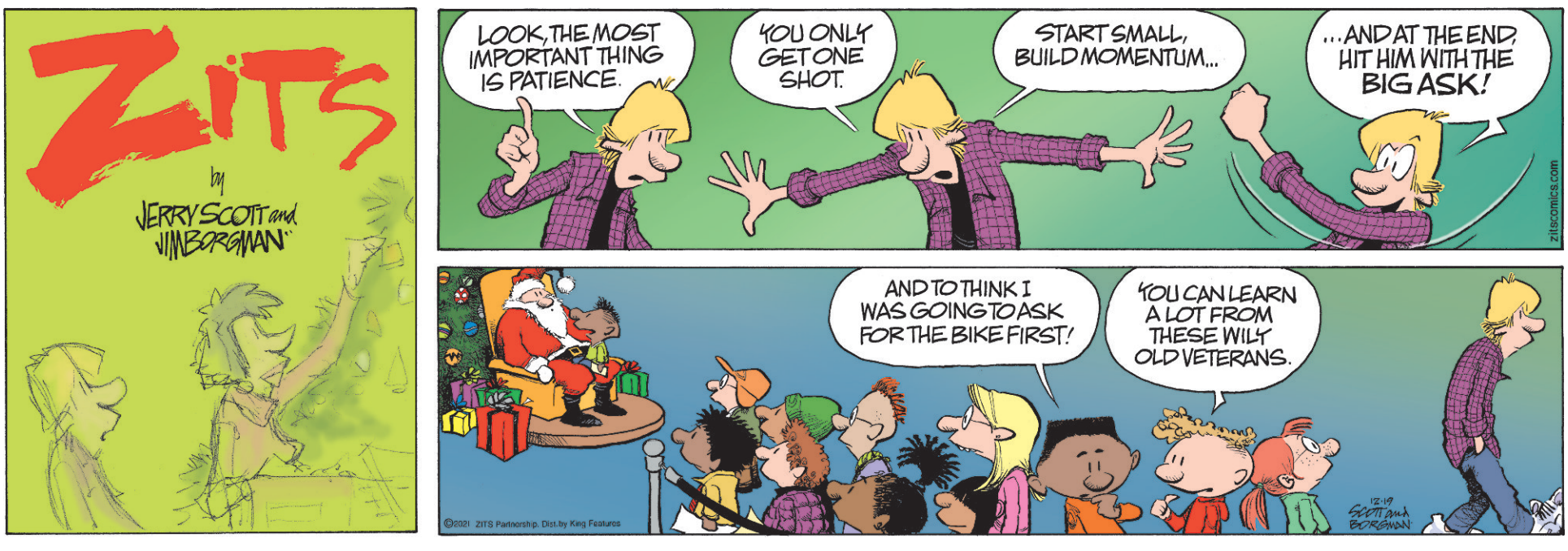

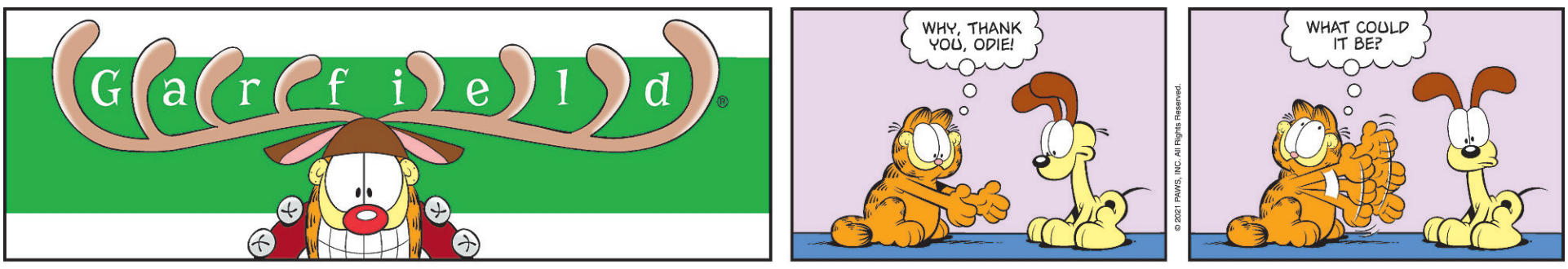

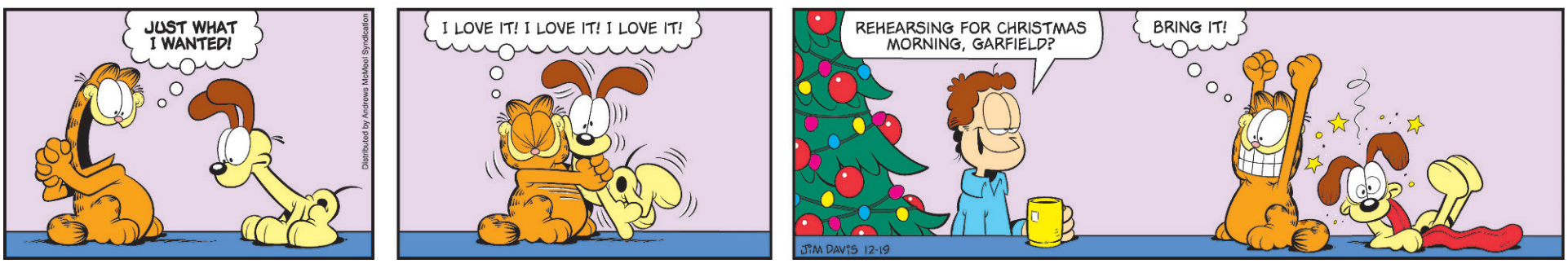

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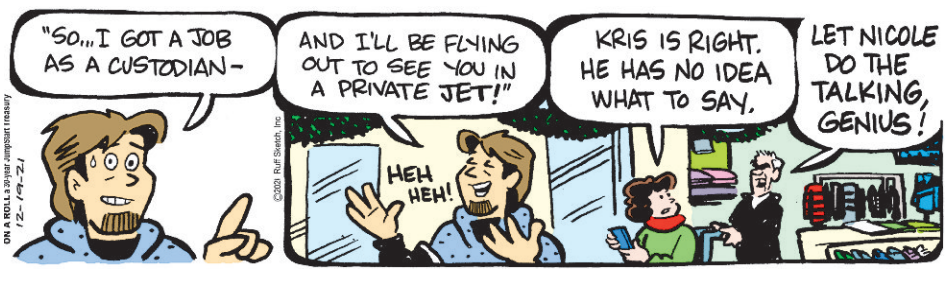

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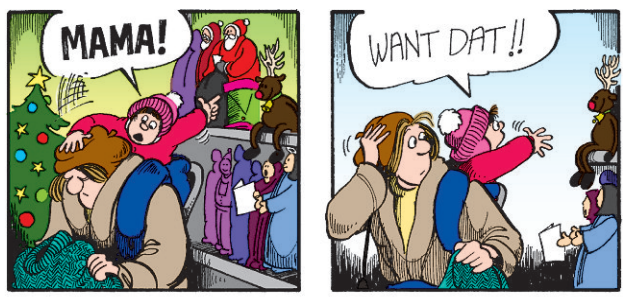

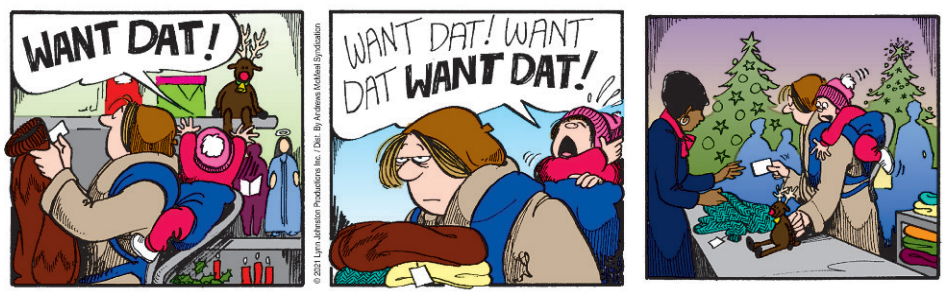

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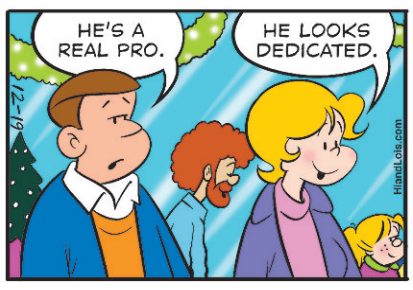

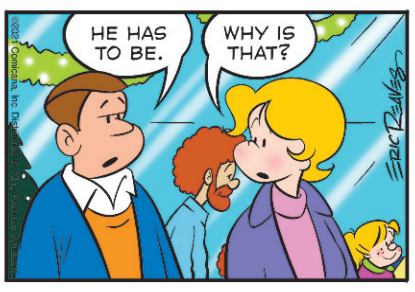

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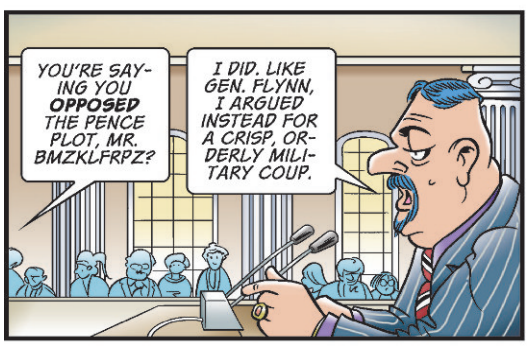

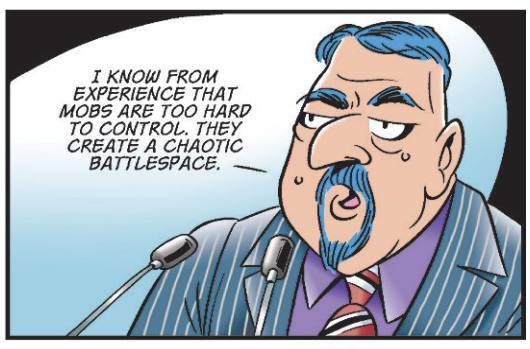

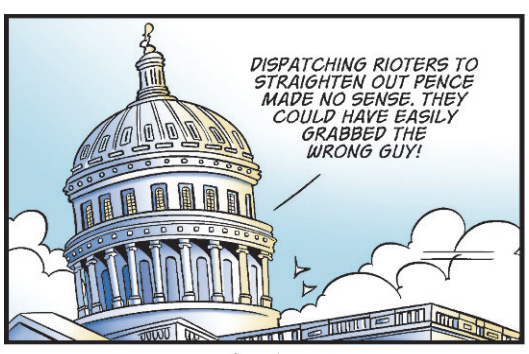

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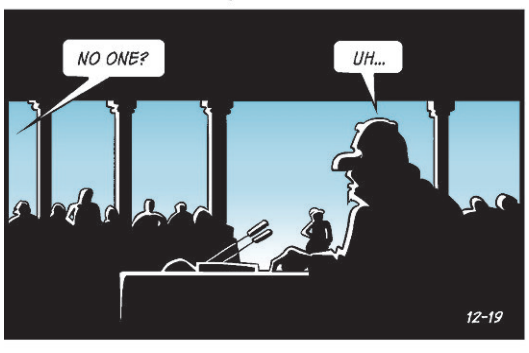

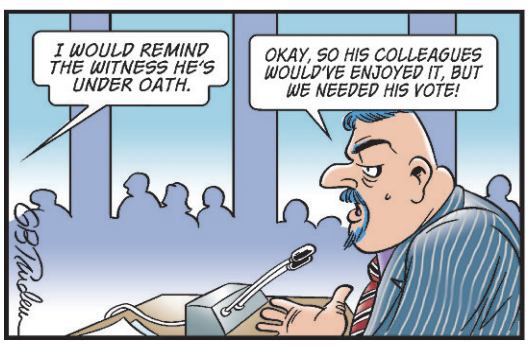

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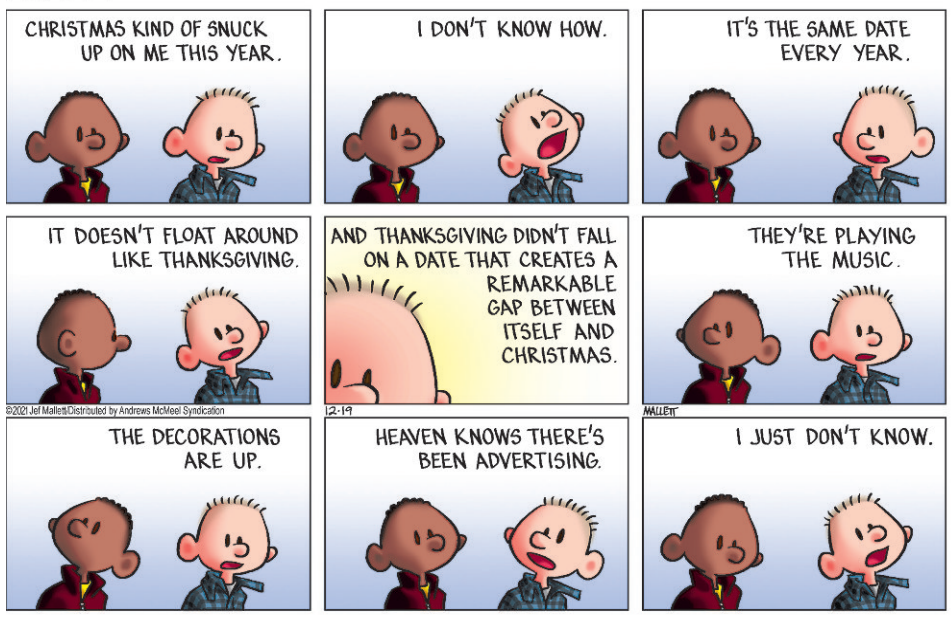

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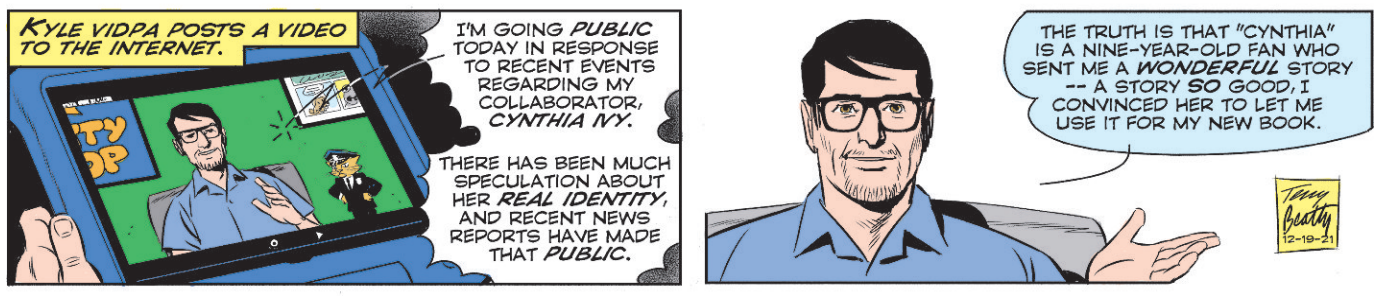

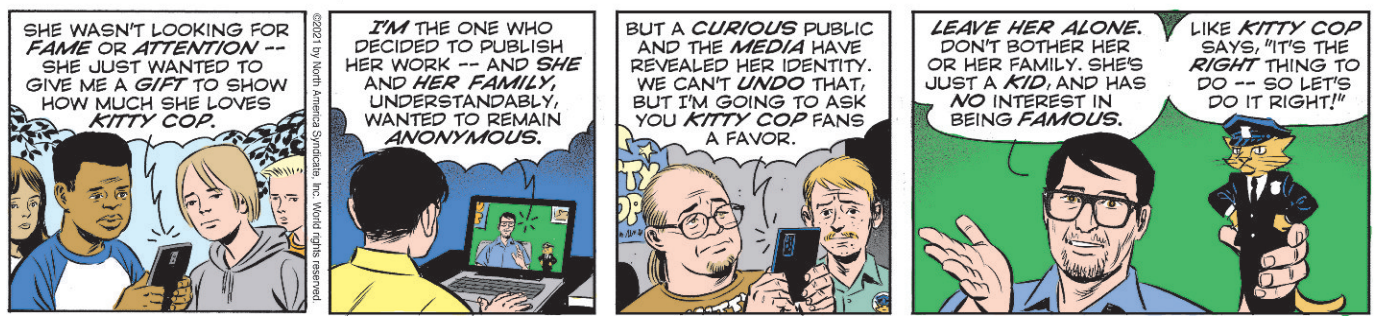

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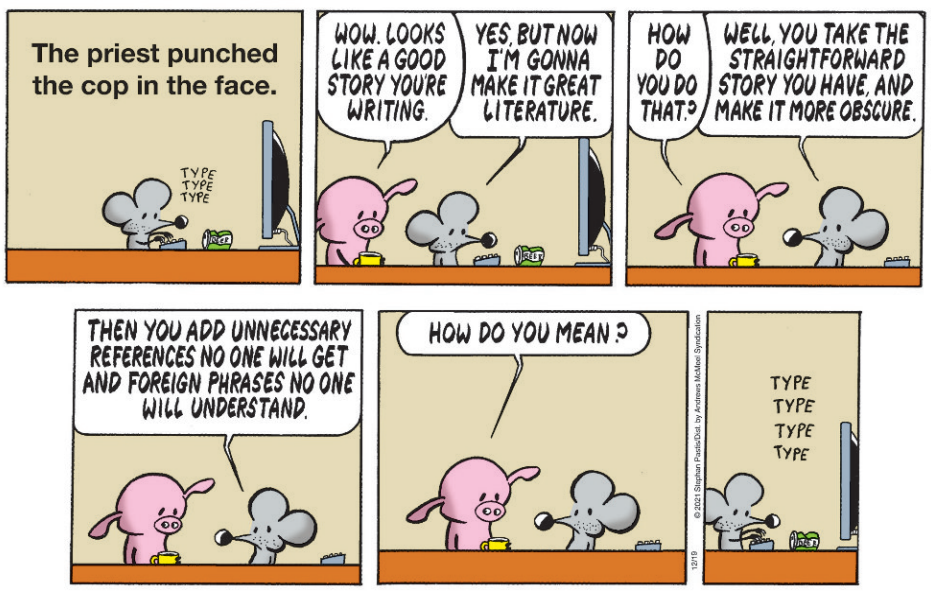

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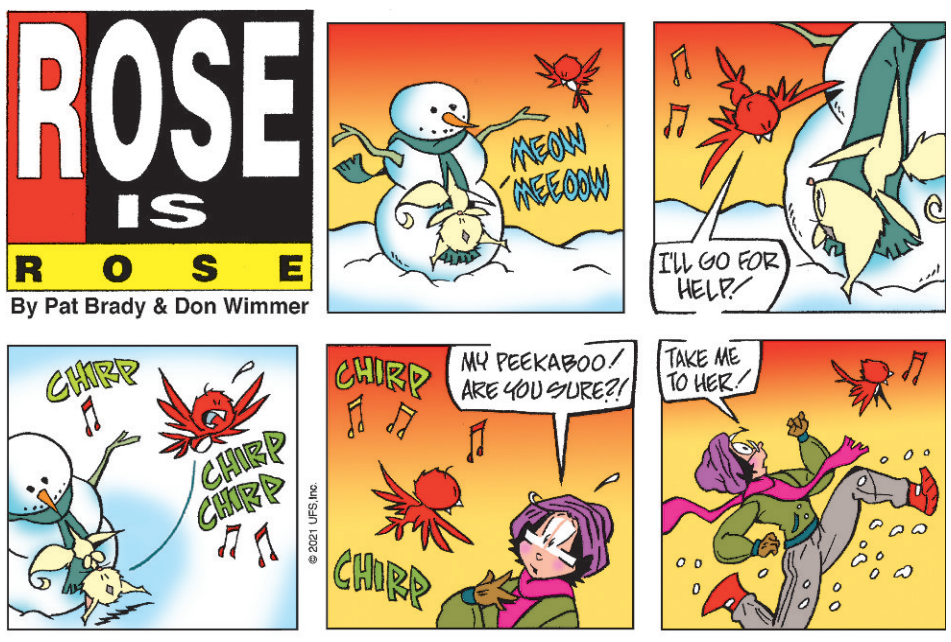

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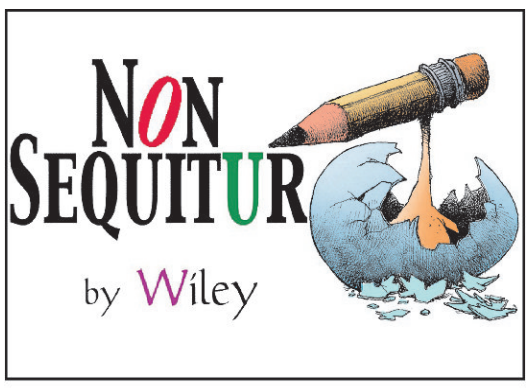

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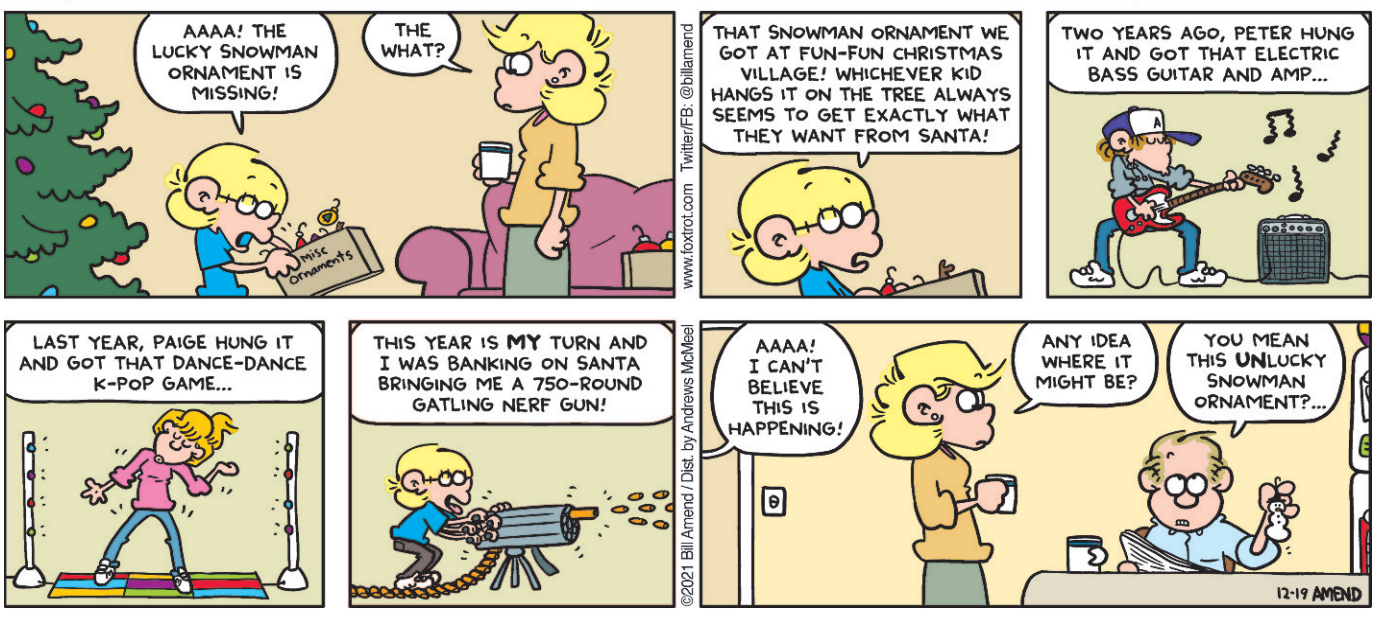

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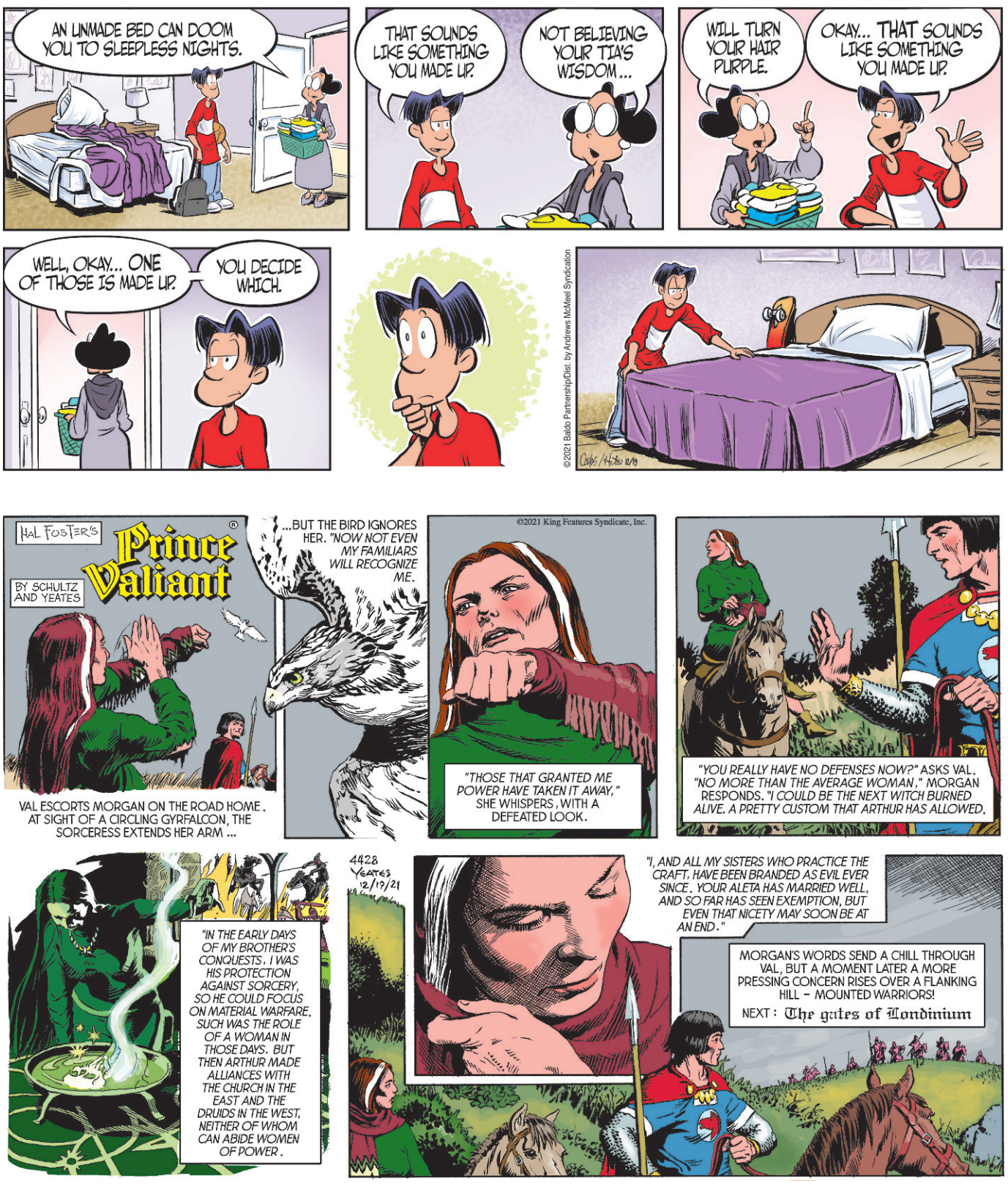

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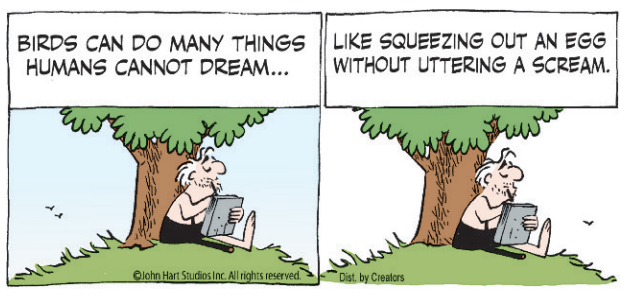

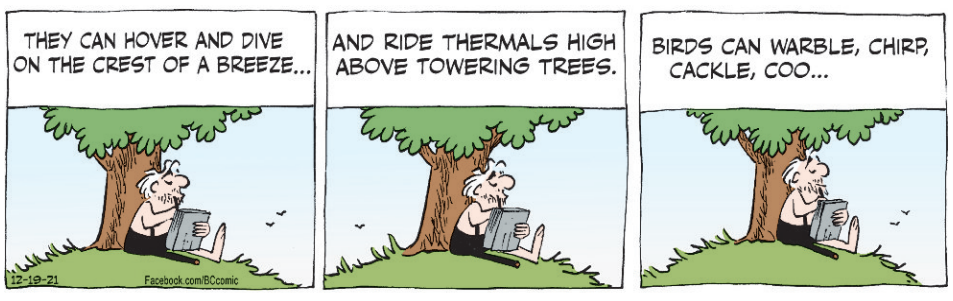

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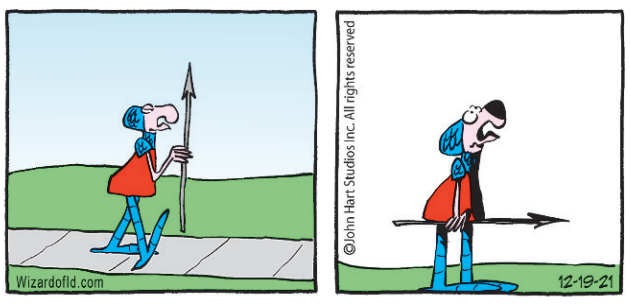

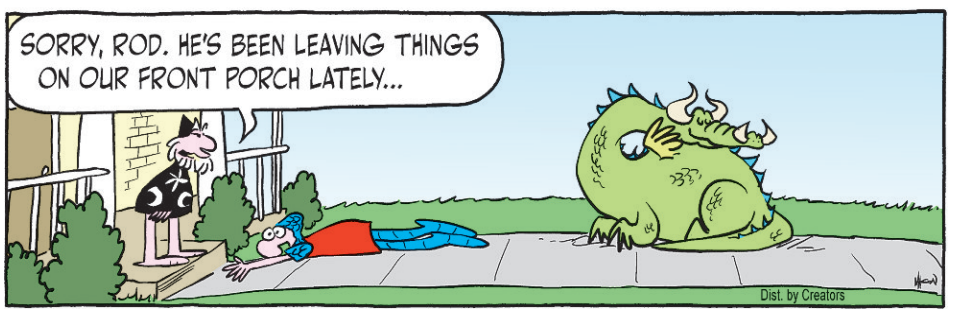

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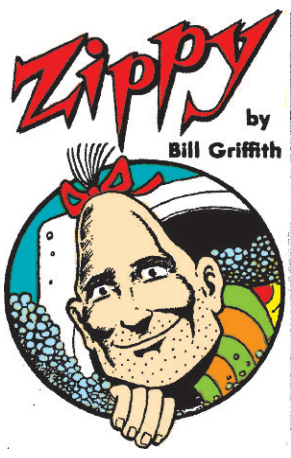

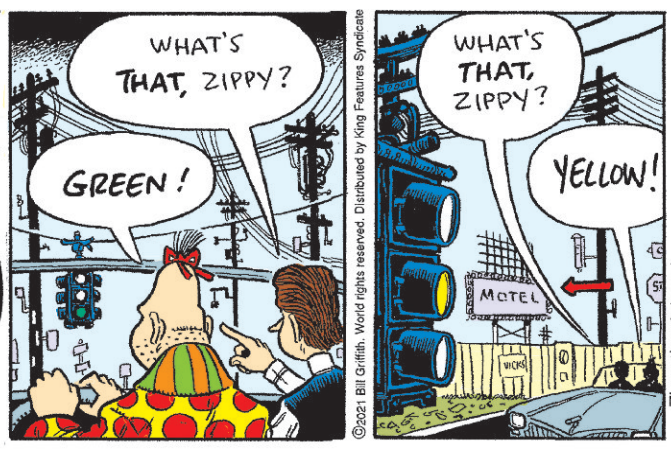

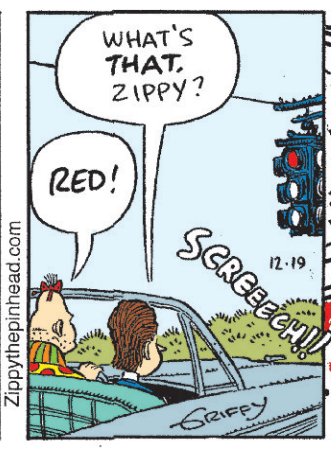

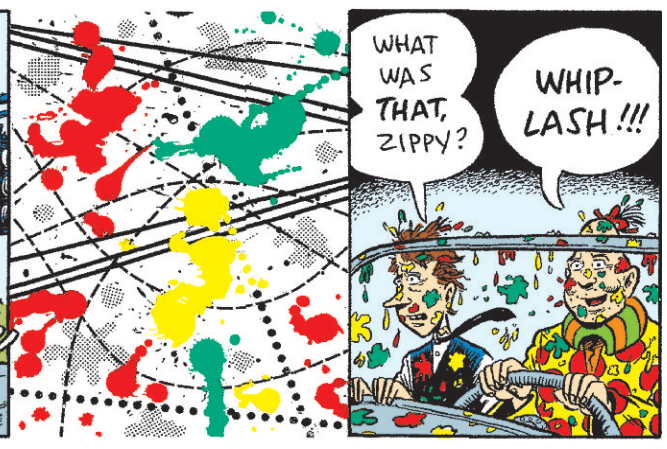

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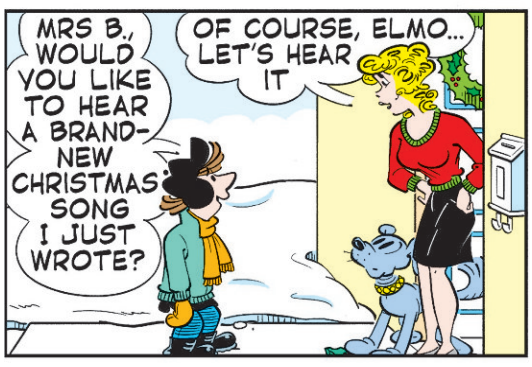

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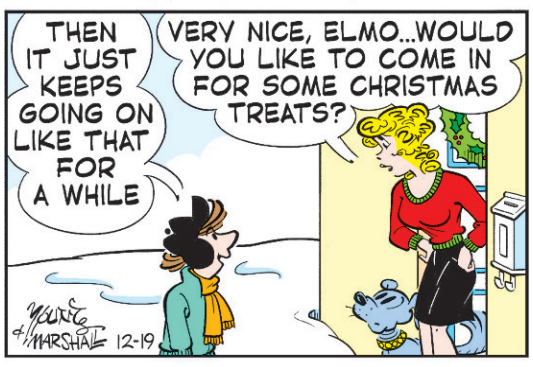

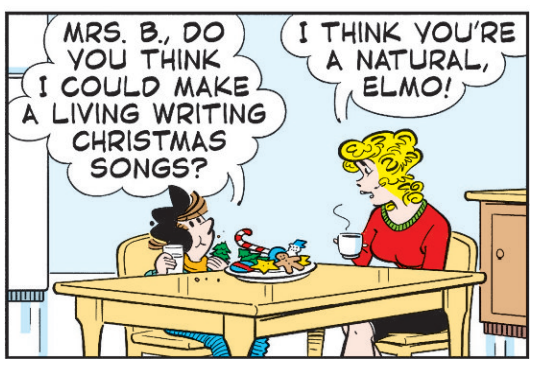

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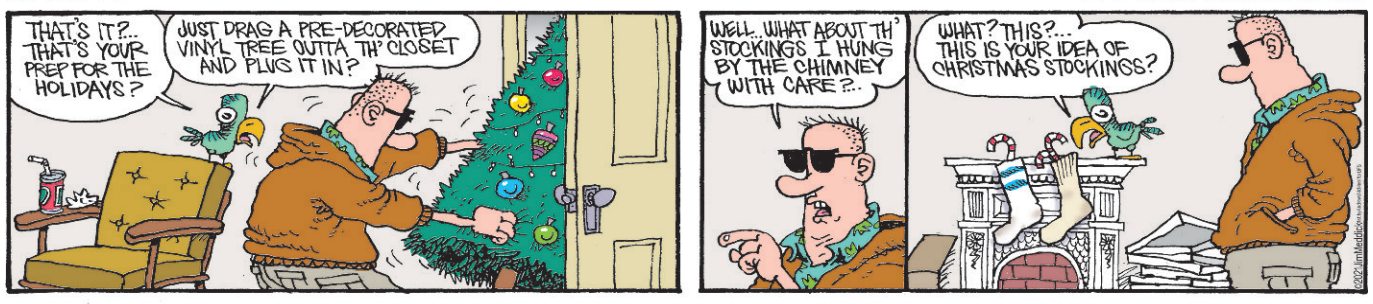

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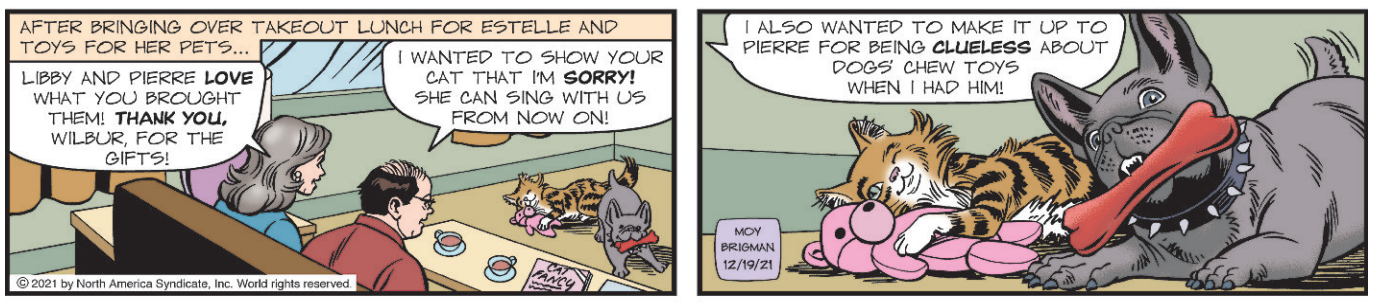

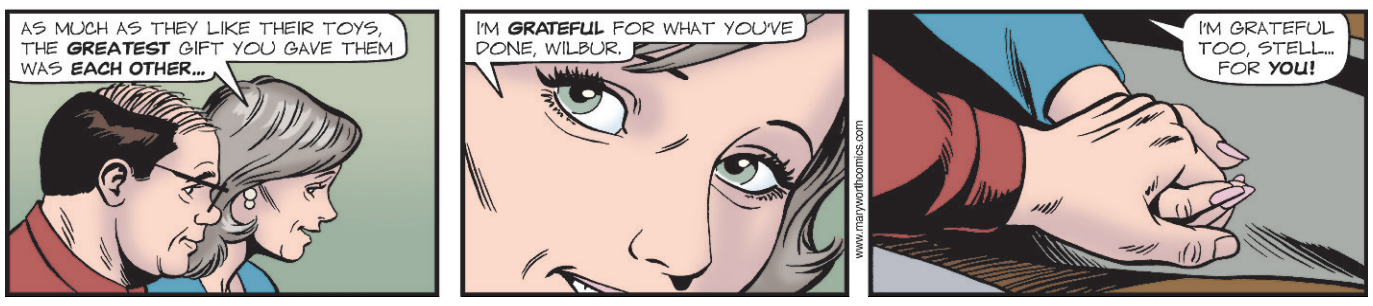

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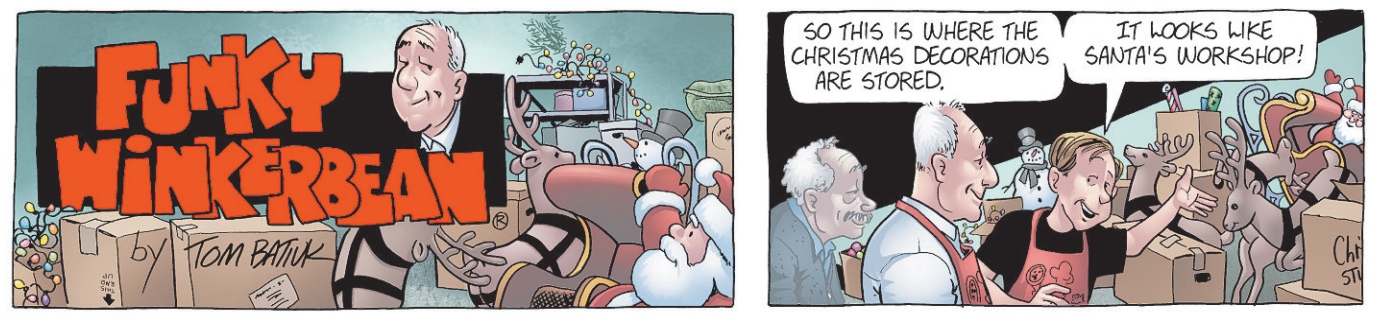

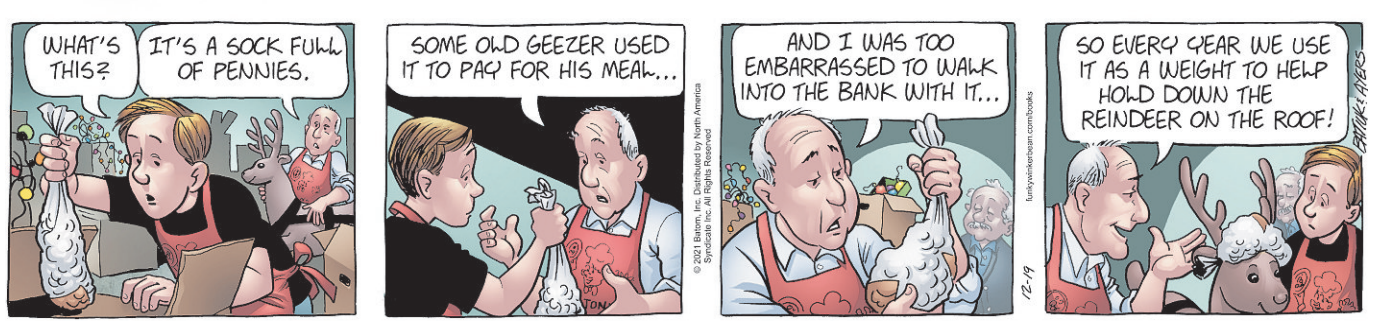

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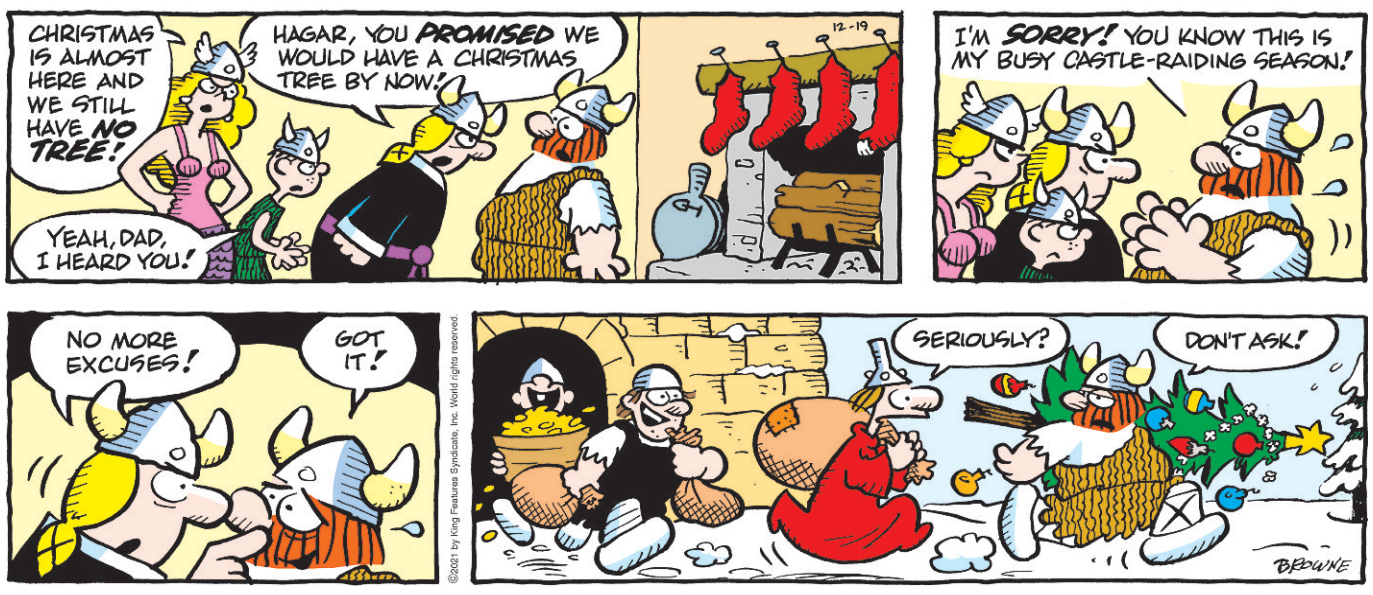

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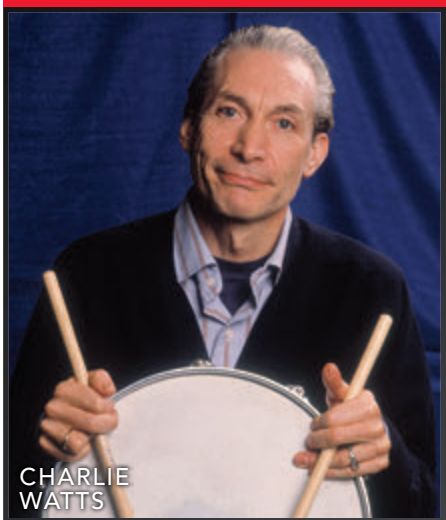
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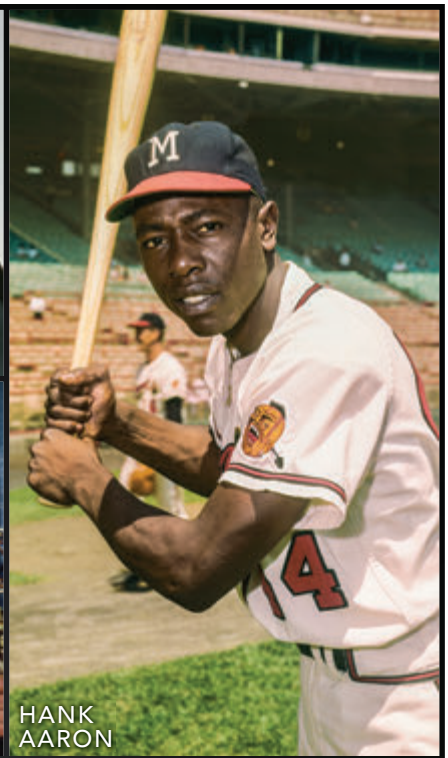
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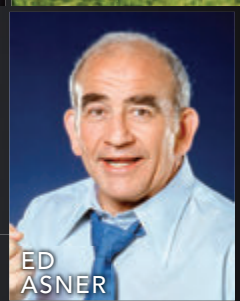
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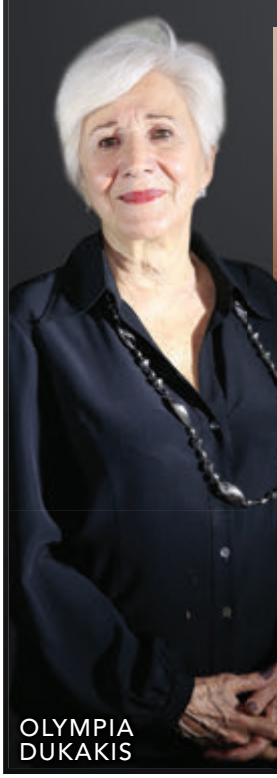
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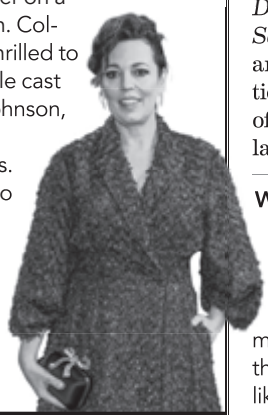
LILY COLLINS RETURNS TO *PARIS*

Collins resumes her adventures in ***Emily in Paris*** (Dec. 22 on Netflix). Season two of the hit comedy-drama series finds her American-transplant character better at navigating the city but still struggling with the idiosyncrasies of French life and language. And like her character, Collins, 32, found herself more comfortable in the City of Light. "I definitely got to know [Paris] better this time around," she says, "because I wasn't taking a lot of public transport because of [COVID-19] regulations for filming, so I was walking a lot more."

OLIVIA COLMAN HITS THE BEACH

Colman—who received an Oscar for *The Favourite* and a nomination for *The Father*—is back in another awards-buzzy film role in *The Lost Daughter* (Dec. 31 on Netflix). The British actress stars in the psychological drama as Leda, a college professor who confronts the unconventional choices she made as a young mother after meeting a woman and her daughter on a Mediterranean vacation. Colman, 47, says she was thrilled to be a part of an ensemble cast that includes Dakota Johnson, Jessie Buckley, Peter Sarsgaard and Ed Harris. But one thing was not so thrilling: "I had to faint on the beach a lot—a hard, pebbly beach—and [I was] bruisy and sore," she says. "But I was [still] excited about it all."



CHILLING WITH **KEANU**

Keanu Reeves returns in the long-awaited fourth film in the groundbreaking *Matrix* sci-fi franchise, *The Matrix Resurrections* (Dec. 22 in theaters and on HBO Max), which arrives nearly 20 years after the third, *The Matrix Revolutions* (2003). Here are some fun facts about the native Canadian actor, 57, whose first name means "cool breeze over the mountains."

◀ When his sister **Kim** was diagnosed with leukemia, he set up a private foundation to aid children's hospitals and cancer research.

He lost the role of Wolverine in *X-Men* to Hugh Jackman.

▲ An avid rider, he co-founded Arch Motorcycle Company, which builds and sells custom bikes.

▶ One of his first roles: playing a competitive cyclist (for which he shaved his legs) in a 1980s commercial for Coca-Cola.

When Reeves first began acting, his agent thought his name was too exotic, so he was credited as K.C. Reeves, Norman Kreeves or Chuck Spadina.

In high school, Reeves contemplated trying out for the Canadian Olympic ice hockey team.

WALTER SCOTT ASKS...

RYAN SEACREST

The *American Idol* and *Live With Kelly and Ryan* host, 46, returns to Times Square for *Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve With Ryan Seacrest* (Dec. 31 on ABC), celebrating the 50th anniversary of Clark's TV special. The festivities will ring in 2022 with more than five hours of celebrities, music and the first-ever Spanish-language countdown from Puerto Rico.

Why has *New Year's Rockin' Eve* stood the test of time? Dick Clark set the tone for a nationwide—now global—celebration by televising what happens in Times Square and creating a party and a big concert environment for people who are going to be home. So they can ring in the New Year, celebrate and feel like they're a part of something.

What will the party look like this year? Ciara and Billy Porter will be joining as co-hosts. Last year, as you're aware, there was nobody in Times Square, just a few people. This year, we're hoping it'll be a little more back to normal.

What's his worry about *American Idol*? Go to ***Parade.com/seacrest*** to find out.

What's the secret to *American Idol*, returning in 2022 for its 20th anniversary, lasting for two decades? Looking back at some of the first seasons, the show looked and felt really different than it does now. Sure, the concept—the foundation—is the same. But look at the evolution of the artists who are auditioning now, and at the style of the show, and it's a real study of how one show can continue to evolve.

Do you make New Year's resolutions? I try to add a new layer to life every new year. This year my passion has migrated into the world of farming. I have personally planted two different olive groves in California. I'm studying how to cultivate those to create my own organic olive oil one day.

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EYLEA® (aflibercept) Injection is a prescription medicine administered by injection into the eye. You should not use EYLEA if you have an infection in or around the eye, eye pain or redness, or known allergies to any of the ingredients in EYLEA, including aflibercept.

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Contact your doctor right away if you think you might be experiencing any side effects, including eye pain or redness, light sensitivity, or blurring of vision, after an injection.

For additional safety information, please talk to your doctor and see the full Prescribing Information for EYLEA.

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit www.fda.gov/medwatch, or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

Please see the Consumer Brief Summary on the adjacent page.

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Consumer Brief Summary

This summary contains risk and safety information for patients about EYLEA. It does not include all the information about EYLEA and does not take the place of talking to your eye doctor about your medical condition or treatment.

What is EYLEA?

EYLEA is a prescription medicine that works by blocking vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF). VEGF can cause fluid to leak into the macula (the light-sensitive tissue at the back of the eye responsible for sharp central vision). Blocking VEGF helps reduce fluid from leaking into the macula.

What is EYLEA used for?

EYLEA is indicated for the treatment of patients with:

- Neovascular (Wet) Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD)
- Macular Edema Following Retinal Vein Occlusion (RVO)
- Diabetic Macular Edema (DME)
- Diabetic Retinopathy (DR)

How is EYLEA given?

EYLEA is an injection administered by your eye doctor into the eye. Depending on your condition, EYLEA injections are given on different schedules. Consult with your eye doctor to confirm which EYLEA schedule is appropriate for you.

Who should not use EYLEA?

Do not use EYLEA if you have an infection in or around the eye, eye pain or redness, inflammation in the eye, or are allergic to aflibercept and/or any other ingredients in EYLEA.

What is the most important information I should know about EYLEA?

- EYLEA must only be administered by a qualified eye doctor. Injection into the eye with EYLEA can result in an infection in the eye and retinal detachment (separation of retina from back of the eye) can occur. Inflammation in the eye has been reported with the use of EYLEA. If your eye becomes red, sensitive to light, painful, or develops a change in vision, seek immediate care from an eye doctor
- In some patients, injections with EYLEA may cause a temporary increase in eye pressure within 1 hour of the injection. Sustained increases in eye pressure have been reported with repeated injections, and your eye doctor may monitor this after each injection
- There is a potential but rare risk of serious and sometimes fatal side effects related to blood clots, leading to heart attack or stroke in patients receiving EYLEA
- Serious side effects related to the injection procedure with EYLEA are rare but can occur including infection inside the eye and retinal detachment
- You may experience temporary visual changes after an EYLEA injection and associated eye exams; do not drive or use machinery until your vision recovers sufficiently
- Because EYLEA is composed of large molecules, your body may react to it; therefore, there is a potential for an immune response (allergy-like) in patients treated with EYLEA

What are possible side effects of EYLEA?

EYLEA can cause serious side effects, including

- **See important safety information listed under "What is the most important information I should know about EYLEA?"**

The most common side effects include

- Increased redness in the eye
- Eye pain
- Cataract
- Vitreous (gel-like substance) detachment
- Vitreous floaters
- Moving spots in the field of vision
- Increased pressure in the eye

There are other possible side effects of EYLEA. For more information, ask your eye doctor.

It is important that you contact your doctor right away if you think you might be experiencing any side effects, including eye pain or redness, light sensitivity, or blurring of vision, after an injection.

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit www.fda.gov/medwatch, or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

What should I tell my eye doctor before receiving EYLEA?

- Tell your eye doctor if you have any medical conditions
- Tell your eye doctor if you are pregnant or are planning to become pregnant. It is not known if EYLEA may harm your unborn baby
- Tell your eye doctor if you are breastfeeding. It is not known if EYLEA may harm your baby. You and your eye doctor should decide whether you should be treated with EYLEA or breastfeed, but you should not do both

How is EYLEA supplied?

EYLEA is supplied in a clear, colorless to pale yellow solution. It is provided in a pre-filled glass syringe or glass vial containing the amount of product required for a single injection into the eye, which is 0.05 mL (or 2 mg of the medicine product).

Where can I learn more about EYLEA?

For a more comprehensive review of EYLEA safety and risk information, talk to your health care provider and see the full Prescribing Information at EYLEA.com.

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Holiday Songs

Music is the one gift everyone gets for the holidays. As much as we love the catchy tunes, the stories behind the songs can be fascinating too. Here are eight of the most dramatic. Go to ***Parade.com/music*** for more.

—Jim Farber

1 "Christmas (Baby Please Come Home)" The kickoff single from the album *A Christmas Gift for You From Phil Spector* had the unfortunate fate to be released on the day President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. In deference to the tragedy, both the single—voiced by girl group mainstay **Darlene Love**—and the album were temporarily pulled from stores. The song didn't click until 1986 when Love performed it on *Late Night With David Letterman*, kicking off a tradition that lasted until 2014. In 2015, Love started belting the classic on *The View*, and it broke into *Billboard*'s Top 20 this past January.

2 "Christmas Time Is Here" The first *Peanuts*-related TV special, ***A Charlie Brown Christmas***, which debuted in 1965, has earned as much love for its music as for its characters and script. Cool jazz hipster Vince Guaraldi composed the score, and "Christmas Time Is Here," which matches his plaintive piano to a chorus of singing kids, is both aching and gorgeous.

3 "All I Want for Christmas Is You" Nearly every "holiday classic" was written at least 40 years ago. In 1994, however, **Mariah Carey** cooked up a song that stands with the best of them. She later admitted it was written not from memories of a happy childhood (which she did not have) but "from my early fantasies of family and friendship."

4 "White Christmas" Irving Berlin wrote the classic and **Bing Crosby** first sang it in the 1942 movie *Holiday Inn*. The song resonated with American soldiers spending their first holiday away from home in the Pacific in the wake of the Pearl Harbor attack. Ironically, 33 years later, the song marked the end of the Vietnam War after it was played by the American Radio Service to signal troops to make their final evacuation.

5 "Feliz Navidad" Combining two cultures gave **José Feliciano** one of the most beautiful hits of his career. For his 1970 release, he sang the verses in English and the chorus in Spanish. Fifty years later, this cross-cultural hit made a deeper impact than ever, hitting its all-time peak on the *Billboard* chart at No. 6.

6 "The Chanukah Song" Despite many of the best-known holiday songs being penned by Jewish writers, including "White Christmas," "The Christmas Song" and "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree," it took a comic to score a Top 10 Hanukkah song. **Adam Sandler** debuted his witty piece in 1994 on *Saturday Night Live*, stuffing it with names of celebrities who are either fully Jewish (David Lee Roth), part Jewish (Paul Newman) or not at all Jewish (O.J. Simpson).

7 "The Christmas Song (Merry Christmas to You)" Amid a July heatwave in 1945, songwriter Robert Wells decided to "stay cool by thinking cool," according to singer **Mel Tormé**, his writing partner on this song. The pair took just 40 minutes to write what became the most-performed cold-season song of all time. Tormé wasn't the first singer to perform it. The Nat King Cole Trio had the initial crack. In fact, Cole wound up cutting four separate versions, the last of which (in 1961) became the one most fans cherish.

8 "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" The youngest person ever to score a hit holiday classic was 13-year-old **Brenda Lee**. The 1958 song was penned by Johnny Marks, who had already written seasonal standards like "A Holly Jolly Christmas" and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer." It hit *Billboard*'s Top 10 as recently as 2019.

COMING JANUARY 2!

Anthony Anderson on the final season of *Blackish* and his role on the *Law & Order* reboot.

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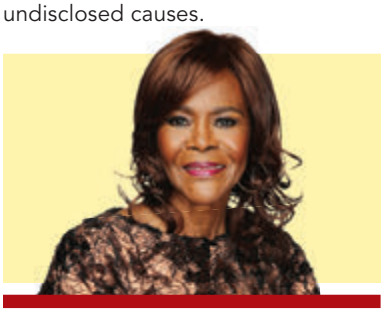
STAGE & SCREEN QUEEN

Former fashion model **CICELY TYSON**, who portrayed strong characters on stage and screen for more than 60 years (she earned a Tony, three Emmys and numerous nominations), was best known for her roles in the films *Sounder* and *The Help* and on TV in *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman* and *Roots*. She died Jan. 28 at age 96 of undisclosed causes.



The only actor to win Emmys for playing the same character (Lou Grant) in both a comedy (*The Mary Tyler Moore Show*) and a drama (his own spinoff from that hit series, entitled *Lou Grant*), **ED ASNER** died of natural causes Aug. 29 at age 91.

PRINCE PHILIP, a decorated World War II veteran and husband to Queen Elizabeth II, died of natural causes in England's Windsor Castle April 9 at age 99. The longest-serving consort of a British monarch, the Duke of Edinburgh also was the longest-lived male member of the British royal family.

SPACE MAN

While Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first astronauts to step foot on the moon in July 1969, **MICHAEL COLLINS** was doing an equally important job: piloting the orbiting spaceship, *Columbia*. An Air Force fighter pilot who joined NASA during its two-astronaut Gemini program, he became the third American to perform a spacewalk and eventually logged 266 hours in space. He died of cancer April 28 at age 90.

FAREWELL, PHYLLIS

CLORIS LEACHMAN, the Iowa-born Oscar winner for *The Last Picture Show*, also was a standout on *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*, *Phyllis* and *Malcolm in the Middle* and in the movies *Young Frankenstein* and *Bad Santa*. Leachman won eight Emmy Awards and set a record for competing on *Dancing With the Stars* in 2008—at the age of 82. She died following a stroke, with COVID-19 complications, Jan. 27 at age 94.

The Academy Award winner for playing mother to Cher's Loretta in the Oscar-winning 1987 movie *Moonstruck*, **OLYMPIA DUKAKIS** boasts other memorable roles in *Steel Magnolias* and *Tales of the City*. The prolific theater actress, who was a cousin of Massachusetts politician Michael Dukakis, died May 1 at 89.

By the time he was 10, **DEAN STOCKWELL** had appeared on Broadway and in movies with such notables as Frank Sinatra and Gene Kelly. He also is remembered for TV and film roles in *Quantum Leap*, *Married to the Mob* (which earned him an Oscar nomination), *Dune* and *Paris, Texas*. He died of natural causes at 85 on Nov. 7.

With an acting career spanning nearly 50 years, **NED BEATTY** was memorable in *Deliverance*, *Nashville*, *All the President's Men*, *Superman*, *Rudy*, *Roseanne*, *Where the Red Fern Grows*, *Charlie Wilson's War* and *Network*, for which he was nominated for his only Oscar. He died of natural causes June 13 at age 83.

Phil and **DON EVERLY** initially found fame in Nashville by writing songs for Grand Ole Opry star Roy Acuff's publishing company and then with their own hits, including "Bye Bye Love," "Wake Up Little Susie," "All I Have to Do Is Dream" and more. The Everly Brothers were among the first inductees into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Don died Aug. 21 at age 84. (Brother Phil died in 2014 at 74.)

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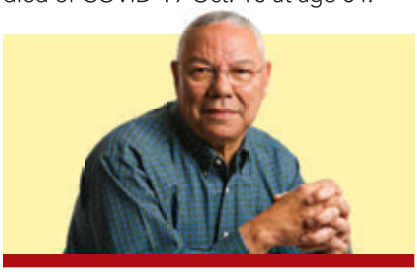
MR. CHAIRMAN

Raised in New York City by Jamaican immigrants, **COLIN POWELL** was the first Black chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (under President George H.W. Bush) and went on to serve as the U.S. secretary of state (the first Black American to hold that job as well) during the presidency of George W. Bush. Powell, who was being treated for blood cancer, died of COVID-19 Oct. 18 at age 84.



A jazz-influenced rock 'n' roll drummer, **CHARLIE WATTS** became the thumping heartbeat of the Rolling Stones when he came aboard in 1963. A graphic designer before joining the band, he used those skills to help design the sets for some of the Stones' tours as well as several of their album covers. He died Aug. 24 at 80 following surgery for an undisclosed condition.

Founding ZZ Top bassist **DUSTY HILL**, who grew up playing the cello but was steeped in the blues of Southern Black troubadours like Muddy Waters and Son House, helped the group earn three Grammy nominations—the latest in 2021 for the music film *That Little Ol' Band From Texas*. He died of cancer July 28 at age 72.

DUSTIN DIAMOND appeared as Screech in all 86 episodes of the popular late-'80s/early-'90s high school sitcom *Saved by the Bell*. He died of small-cell carcinoma of the lungs Feb. 1 at age 44.

HAMMERIN' HANK

Hall of Famer **HANK AARON** was Major League Baseball's all-time home run king, with 755 (before Barry Bonds entered the picture). He started out in the Negro Leagues, then moved to the majors, playing for the Milwaukee and Atlanta Braves. He was a devoted civil rights activist who received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from George W. Bush. After his 23-season MLB career, Aaron owned several Atlanta car dealerships; he gave an autographed baseball to every customer who purchased a new car. He died Jan. 22 of natural causes at age 86.

Half of the famous Las Vegas magic duo Siegfried & Roy, **SIEGFRIED FISCHBACHER** died of pancreatic cancer Jan. 13 at 81.

Broadway, film and dog-dad (*Beethoven*) legend **CHARLES GRODIN** died at age 86 on May 18 of bone marrow cancer.

Iconic CNN broadcasting host **LARRY KING** was known for his suspenders and for conversing on the air with just about everyone who was anyone, including presidents and politicians, pop stars, superstar athletes and legendary actors. He died of sepsis Jan. 23 at age 87.

Versatile and prolific actor **GAVIN MACLEOD**, best known for his TV roles as ship captain Merrill Stubing on *The Love Boat* and television writer Murray Slaughter on *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*, was 90 when he died on May 29.

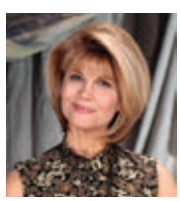
A Canadian comedian with a comically deadpan delivery, **NORM MACDONALD** first rose to prominence as a *Roseanne* writer and then graduated to *Saturday Night Live*'s "Weekend Update" desk. He died Sept. 14 at 61 after a near-decade fight with acute leukemia.

Author and artist **ERIC CARLE**'s beloved *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*—recognizable by its hand-painted tissue paper collages—has sold more than 55 million copies and been translated into more than 70 languages. Award-winning Carle published more than 70 books. He died May 23 of kidney failure at 91.

"I'm hooked on a feelin', high on believin' that you're in love with me," sang Oklahoma-born Grammy winner **B.J. THOMAS**, whose other hit songs include "Raindrops Keep Fallin' on My Head," the Oscar-winning tune from the *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid* soundtrack. He died of lung cancer May 29 at 78.

NIGHT COURT STAR

Fan favorite **MARKIE POST** starred as bail bondsman Terri Michaels on TV's *The Fall Guy*, public defender Christine Sullivan on *Night Court* and reporter Georgie Anne Lahti on *Hearts Afire*. One of her final TV appearances was playing herself in a season-three episode of *30 Rock*, when she, Harry Anderson and Charles Robinson (who died July 11 at age 75) staged a mock reunion of the *Night Court* cast. Post died of cancer Aug. 7 at age 70.



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MARKING MR. TWAIN

A flair for the historical led to a long acting career for five-time Emmy winner and Tony-winning Mark Twain impersonator **HAL HOLBROOK**, who headlined his own internationally renowned one-man show. Among his many roles, Holbrook portrayed the president in the 1974 *Lincoln* TV miniseries as well as his Oval Office adviser, Preston Blair, in Steven Spielberg's 2012 *Lincoln* film. Longtime husband to actress Dixie Carter (who died in 2010), he died Jan. 23 at age 95 of natural causes.

Important Legal Notice from the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida

If you are a current or former owner or lessee of certain Volkswagen or Audi vehicles, you could get cash and other benefits from a class action settlement.

Si desea recibir esta notificación en español, llámenos o visite nuestra página web.

A settlement has been reached in a class action lawsuit alleging that consumers sustained economic losses because they purchased or leased vehicles from Volkswagen AG, Volkswagen Group of America, Inc., VW Credit, Inc., Audi AG, or Audi of America, LLC (collectively "Volkswagen") containing allegedly defective airbags manufactured by Takata Corporation and its affiliates ("Takata"). The Settlement includes certain vehicles made by Volkswagen (the "Subject Vehicles"). Volkswagen denies any and all allegations of wrongdoing and the Court has not decided who is right.

If you have already received a separate recall notice for your Volkswagen or Audi vehicle and have not yet had your Takata airbag repaired, you should do so as soon as possible. When recalled Takata airbags deploy, they may, in very rare cases and under certain circumstances, spray metal debris toward vehicle occupants and may cause serious injury. However, some Volkswagen and Audi vehicles may be recalled for repair at a later date. Please see www.nhtsa.gov/equipment/takata-recall-spotlight#for-consumers-overview for further details about whether your vehicle is recalled and, if so, what you should do.

Am I included in the proposed Settlement? The Settlement includes the following persons and entities:

- Owners or lessees, as of November 10, 2021, of a Subject Vehicle that was distributed for sale or lease in the United States or any of its territories or possessions, and
- Former owners or lessees of a Subject Vehicle that was distributed for sale or lease in the United States or any of its territories or possessions, who, between February 9, 2016 and November 10, 2021, sold or returned, pursuant to a lease, a Subject Vehicle.

A full list of the Subject Vehicles can be found at www.AutoAirbagSettlement.com. The Settlement does not involve claims of personal injury.

What does the Settlement provide? Volkswagen has agreed to a Settlement with a value of approximately $42 million, including a 20% credit for the Enhanced Rental Car/Loaner Program. The Settlement Funds will be used to pay for Settlement benefits and cover the costs of the Settlement over an approximately four-year period.

The Settlement offers several benefits for Class Members, including (1) payments for certain out-of-pocket expenses incurred related to a Takata airbag recall of a Subject Vehicle, (2) a Rental Car/Loaner Program while certain Subject Vehicles are awaiting repair, (3) an Outreach Program to maximize completion of the recall remedy, (4) additional cash payments to Class Members from residual settlement funds, if any remain, and (5) a Customer Support Program to help with repairs associated with replacement airbag inflators. The Settlement Website explains each of these benefits in detail.

How can I get a Payment? You must file a claim to receive a payment during the first four years of the Settlement. If you still own or lease a Subject Vehicle, you must also bring it to an authorized dealership for the recall remedy, as directed by a recall notice, if you have not already done so. Visit the website and file a claim online or download one and file by mail. The deadline to file a claim will be at least one year from the date the Settlement is finalized. All deadlines will be posted on the website when they are known.

What are my other options? If you do not want to be legally bound by the Settlement, you must exclude yourself by **February 14, 2022**. If you do not exclude yourself, you will release any claims you may have against Volkswagen and the Released Parties, in exchange for certain settlement benefits. The potential available benefits are more fully described in the Settlement, available at the Settlement Website. You may object to the Settlement by **February 14, 2022**. You cannot both exclude yourself from, and object to, the Settlement. The Long Form Notice for the Settlement available on the website listed below explains how to exclude yourself or object. The Court will hold a fairness hearing on **March 7, 2022** to consider whether to finally approve the Settlement and a request for attorneys' fees of up to 30% of the total Settlement Amount. You may appear at the fairness hearing, either by yourself or through an attorney hired by you, but you don't have to. For more information, including the relief, eligibility and release of claims, in English or Spanish, call or visit the website below.

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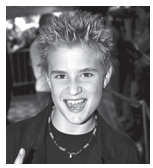
Carrie Bradshaw's BFF **WILLIE GARSON** was set to reprise his role as Stanford Blatch in the *Sex and the City* reboot *And Just Like That…* before he died from pancreatic cancer Sept. 21 at age 57.



Freddy Jones, the smarty-pants drummer in the 2003 Jack Black comedy *School of Rock*, was played by **KEVIN CLARK**, who went on to be a musician and songwriter. The 32-year-old had just formed a new band when he died after being hit by a car as he rode his bike in Chicago on May 26.

Caldecott Medal–winning author and illustrator **JERRY PINKNEY** was beloved for his kid-friendly books and his portraits of historic Black figures, including Martin Luther King Jr., Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth, for the Black Heritage stamp series. He died of a heart attack Oct. 20 at 81.

TOM HANKS' BOSOM BUDDY

Remembered for television roles on *Goodtime Girls*; *Bosom Buddies*; *Newhart*; *Honey, I Shrunk the Kids: The TV Show*; *Gotham*; *Evil*; and the ABC miniseries *Madoff*, **PETER SCOLARI** won an Emmy for playing Hannah's dad on HBO's *Girls* in 2016. He died of cancer Oct. 22 at 66.

Fans know him best as Omar from *The Wire*, but **MICHAEL K. WILLIAMS** first danced his way to a music-video role alongside Madonna. He went on to perform in *Boardwalk Empire*, *The Night Of*, *When We Rise* and *Lovecraft Country*, for which he earned his fifth Emmy nomination. He died of a drug overdose Sept. 6 at age 54.

CHRISTOPHER PLUMMER, forever remembered as *The Sound of Music*'s Captain von Trapp, received two Emmys, two Tonys and an Oscar. Trained in Shakespeare, he gave commanding stage performances in *Hamlet*, *Macbeth*, *Henry V* and more, and he acted in a variety of films, including *Beginners*, *A Beautiful Mind*, *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo* and *Knives Out*. He died at age 91 on Feb. 5 after a fall.

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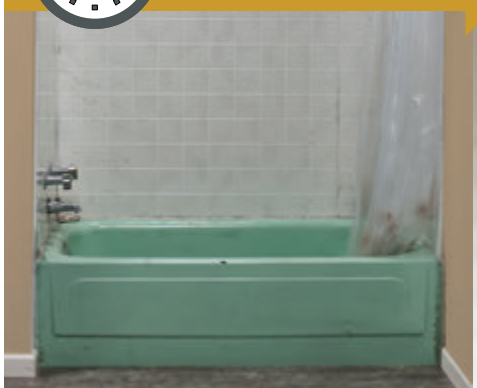

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A musician would marry a man named Fred in 1952. Soon after, **JOANNE ROGERS** provided voice work for his first TV show, *The Children's Corner*, and would become the inspiration for the puppet Queen Sara on *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*. She died of natural causes Jan. 14 at age 92.

Independent filmmaker, actor, novelist, playwright, painter and musician **MELVIN VAN PEEBLES** surprised Hollywood with his wildly successful 1971 "blaxploitation" epic *Sweet Sweetback's Baadasssss Song*, a tale of a young Black man's travails against the police. The father of actor-director Mario Van Peebles, he died at age 89 on Sept. 21.

MARCUS A. YORK's character Billy Merchant, property manager of the building that housed *The Office*'s Dunder Mifflin Paper Company, had many comedic run-ins with Steve Carell's manager character Michael Scott, usually about the real-life wheelchair used by the paraplegic actor. York, a strong advocate for people with disabilities, died May 19 at 55.

Fans came to know **BIZ MARKIE**—the "Clown Prince of Hip-Hop"—from his beatboxing and producing, most notably on his hit "Just a Friend," and as an actor in the movie *Men in Black II* or on TV's *In Living Color*, *Empire* and *Black-ish*. He died July 16 at 57 after a long struggle with Type 2 diabetes.

For decades, millions of people tuned in to radio and then television to hear **RUSH LIMBAUGH** give his conservative slant on political events. He died of lung cancer Feb. 17 at age 70. In 2020, he received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from Donald Trump.

At *Friends*' Central Perk coffee shop, Jennifer Aniston's Rachel is manager Gunther's forever crush. **JAMES MICHAEL TYLER**, the actor who played him, was first cast as an extra, but his "unique spirit" caught the eyes of the show's creators, who decided to expand his story. Tyler died Oct. 24 at age 59 of prostate cancer.

Canada-born comedian **MORT SAHL** paved the way for Lenny Bruce, George Carlin, Joan Rivers, Richard Pryor, Bill Maher, Jon Stewart and others with his humorous discourses on edgy cultural topics in the 1950s and '60s. His debut album, *At Sunset*, was deemed by the Library of Congress as the "earliest example of modern stand-up comedy on record." He died of natural causes on Oct. 26 at age 94.

Visit ***Parade.com/remember*** for remembrances of Jessica Walter, DMX, Stephen Sondheim and more.

What America **Eats**

Easy Holiday Coffee Cake

With a generous shower of buttery nuts and brown sugar, plus a drizzle of icing, this coffee cake channels the flavor of classic cinnamon rolls. It's from the new cookbook ***Y'all Come Over*** by Rebecca Lang and ideal for your holiday brunch fun.

MAKE-AHEAD CINNAMON COFFEE CAKE

In a large bowl, beat ¾ cup (1½ sticks) **unsalted butter**, softened, on medium speed until creamy. Gradually add ½ cup **granulated sugar** and ½ cup firmly packed **light brown sugar**, beating well. Add 2 **large eggs**, 1 at a time, beating just until blended after each addition.

In a medium bowl, combine 2 cups **all-purpose flour**, 1 tsp **baking powder**, 1 tsp **baking soda**, ½ tsp **salt** and ¼ tsp **ground cinnamon**. In a small bowl, combine 1 cup **sour cream**, ⅓ cup **heavy cream** and 1 tsp **vanilla extract**. With mixer speed on low, add flour mixture to butter mixture, alternating with sour cream mixture, beginning and ending with flour. Allow each addition to fully incorporate before adding next. Scrape batter into a greased and floured 13-by-9-inch pan. Cover tightly; chill 8–24 hours.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Let batter stand at room temperature 30 minutes.

In a small bowl, combine ¾ cup coarsely chopped **pecans**, ¾ cup sliced **almonds**, ½ cup firmly packed light brown sugar, 6 Tbsp all-purpose flour, ¼ cup (½ stick) melted unsalted butter and ½ tsp ground cinnamon. Sprinkle over batter. Bake 32–35 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean.

In a small bowl, stir together 1 cup **powdered sugar** and 2 Tbsp **milk** until glossy and looks like ribbons when spoon is lifted from bowl. Drizzle over warm cake. **Serves 8–10**.

Head to ***Parade.com/wafers*** for Lang's savory blue cheese wafers recipe.

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